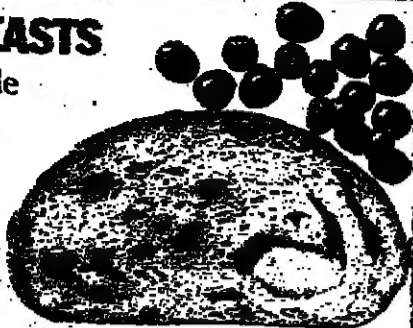


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## Support withdrawn in hospital row

# Tory majority wiped out by MP's protest

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

JOHN MAJOR'S fragile Commons majority was wiped out last night after a Tory MP withdrew his support from the party, accusing ministers of "distorting promises" over hospital care.

Sir John Gort put the Government under increasing pressure by announcing that ministers should not expect his backing and refusing to commit himself to keeping the Conservatives in power in a confidence vote.

The announcement by Sir John, member for Hendon North, was in protest at ministers' refusal to keep open a hospital accident and emergency unit. It added to an air of crisis at Westminster, as Cabinet ministers launched a campaign to restore unity over Europe.

Of the 651 MPs, Tory business managers can now count on the support of only 322 in a whipped vote, against 322 for the opposition parties. Four MPs, two from Labour, two from Conservative, do not vote because they act as speakers. There are two vacancies, Wirral South and Barnsley East. The Government's position is likely to get worse next Thursday when the Barnsley by-election returns a Labour member.

Although the Government usually enjoys a nine-vote cushion because the Ulster Unionists tend to vote with the Conservatives, there is little doubt that this week's storm in the party over Europe and Sir John's withdrawal of cooperation make Mr Major's administration more vulnerable than ever before.

Sir John wrote to Alastair Goodlad, the Tory Chief Whip, to explain his decision. He told a news conference: "I am today withdrawing my co-operation from the Government and shall not treat the whip" as either a summons to



Gort: "I withdraw my co-operation"

attend the Commons or as placing me under any obligation to vote as advised. "Asked if he would support the Government in a confidence vote, he said only: "Wait and see."

Although Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, underlined that Sir John had not actually resigned the Tory whip, which would make him ineligible to stand for the party in the general election, senior Tories admitted that his decision was damaging.

Hugh Dykes (Harrow East), who has backed Sir John's three-year campaign over the threatened closure of the accident and emergency department at Edgware Hospital, north London, said that he was awaiting further moves before deciding whether to resign the whip.

In June, Sir John and Mr Dykes threatened to resign the whip over plans to close a 24-hour accident and emergency unit. They backed away from their threat after claiming that Mr Dorrell had assured them that there would be a casualty unit with medical facilities for emergencies.

Sir John took yesterday's action because the Edgware hospital will be given only a minor accident treatment centre with doctors available

only for 13 hours a day. The only way the two MPs say they will back down is if the Government gives into their demand for a 24-hour unit.

Sir John registered his "disgust" over ministers' action and accused Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, of "falling and distorting promises".

Three other MPs — Tony Marlow (Northampton N), Terry Dicks (Havering and Harlington) and Bill Walker (Tayside N) — have threatened to withdraw their backing in the dispute over Mr Major's "wait and see" policy on a single currency.

Tory backbenchers are increasingly flexing their muscles. On the eve of the Budget Nicholas Winterston, the MP for Macclesfield, secured £5 million of road improvements for his constituency by threatening to vote against the Government.

Despite the uncertainty of further MPs resigning the whip, the onus remains good for the Government surviving until its preferred choice of a General Election in May. The last Labour government went into minority in 1976 and survived 42 defeats and beat off two confidence motions before it fell in March 1979.

Senior Tories said last night that, with no three-line whips planned before the Commons rises for Christmas, the loss of support was not of imminent importance.

Mr Dicks threatened to resign the whip in protest at Mr Major's lack of leadership. In a bitter personal attack, he said: "I don't want to be on a ship like the Titanic where the helmsman can see the ice ahead and simply says: 'let it wait and see what happens'." The only option is to sack Kenneth Clarke.

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Tim Henman's week's earnings will rise to £500,000 today if he beats Boris Becker and to £990,000 if he wins tomorrow

## Henman serves for a £1m pay day

BY JOHN GOODBODY AND ALIX RAMSAY

TIM HENMAN could earn almost £1 million for a week's work if he wins the Compaq Grand Slam tennis cup in Munich this weekend. Britain's first world-class male player for 20 years is already assured of doubling his previous earnings this year and will collect £495,400 this week if he defeats Boris Becker in the semi-finals today.

If he upsets the German, three-times Wimbledon champion, and then wins the final tomorrow, he will earn £990,833.

Henman said yesterday of the prize money: "I am aware of it. Make no bones about it. But what is more important is that I am playing Boris in his home town over five sets and I don't think you can get much better than that."

"Maybe to play him at

Wimbledon on Centre Court may be better, but he says that is also his home. I know there is a lot of money at stake but I am pleased with the way I have blocked it out of my mind. I have always said that tennis was more my hobby than my profession."

Before he came to Munich as a second reserve on Sunday, he had earned £262,000 in a meteoric year, during which the 22-year-old reached the singles' quarter-finals at Wimbledon.

He received £30,000 just for turning up in Munich. When Americans Pete Sampras and Michael Chang withdrew, Henman came into the draw and promptly earned £60,000 by defeating Michael Stich, the 1991 Wimbledon champion. In the quarter-finals on Thursday he beat MaliVai

Washington, the 1996 Wimbledon finalist, in straight sets. This brought his week's earnings to £257,000.

Asked yesterday whether he had enjoyed a fairy-tale year, Henman replied: "I don't know whether you could call it that. I just know that I have had a good year. It is almost unbelievable."

However, money has never been the driving force for the Briton, whose great grandmother, Ellen Stawell-Brown, was the first woman to serve over-arm at Wimbledon and whose grandfather, Henry Billington, reached the third round of the same tournament three times just after the Second World War.

This year, Henman has restricted himself to buying a flat near the Queen's Club, in West Kensington, and driving

a Peugeot 205. He could afford a Ferrari but says: "It really isn't me. A Peugeot gets me from A to B."

Henman practised for the semi-final yesterday with David Felgate, his coach, on the same Olympiahalle court where 11,000 Germans will today back Becker.

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## Cash crisis pushes Royal Academy into red

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT  
WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE Royal Academy last night admitted that it faces "serious financial problems" after it was revealed that it has a deficit of £3.2 million.

Ernst & Young, the accountants who were called in by the academy's solicitors, have been unable to complete the audit for the year ending September 30, 1996. The accountants discovered that £200,000 of staff pension contributions had not been made to the correct fund and £1 million Trust funds for capital expenditure had been used on day-to-day running costs. Its overdraft with the Royal Bank of Scotland is £2.25 million.

With deficits of £3.2 million in the past two years, a meeting next Thursday of the academy's general assembly must approve a rescue plan to satisfy bankers that urgent efforts are being made to put their finances in order.

In a statement issued last night Sir Anthony Tennant, the new chairman of the Royal Academy Trust, said: "The academy, like so many other art institutions both in Britain and abroad, faces serious financial problems but there is no question of future insolvency for the academy. The appropriate steps are now being taken to ensure its financial security."

Sir Philip Dowson, the academy's president, said: "I am certain that faced with the realities of our financial position, the academy will support the proposals for the reform of our administration."

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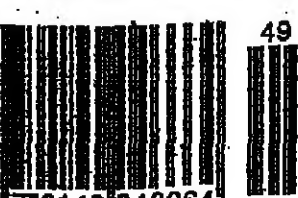
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## Court decision puts City's liquid lunchers on the spot

BY ADRIAN LEE

THE role of alcohol in the modern business lunch came under scrutiny yesterday after a television executive lost his damages claim against a company doctor who advised that his drinking habits barred him from a lucrative job.

Peter Baker who, it was estimated, drank the equivalent of at least four bottles of wine a week and admitted enjoying a bottle a day for six days during a festival, was not the victim of negligence by Dr Georges Kaye, a judge ruled.

Mr Baker, 53, of Great Bookham, Surrey, was due to become head of international sales with NBC Europe on a £45,000 salary when he failed a pre-employment medical. He was ordered yesterday to pay costs thought to be more than £50,000. Mr Baker had claimed that Dr Kaye, the physician for NBC's parent company, GE, had misdiagnosed a drink problem.

He told the High Court that he drank one or two glasses of

wine a day on average. Some days he might not drink at all but in the week of his interview with NBC he had been for a lunch at which he drank three glasses of wine. At the weekend he might have half a bottle of wine over dinner, or a beer.

Some of the leading advocates of the alcohol-free lunch are American-owned banks,

but they view anyone who transgresses as requiring medical assistance rather than disciplinary measures.

"We do not need a company policy about alcohol consumption during the working day," a spokesman for the American investment bank Goldman Sachs said. "It is simply part of our culture. Our people realise that if you consume alcohol it leaves you unable to perform adequately."

Trevor Wheeler, of Chase Manhattan, said: "If I do take anybody for lunch I am frankly amazed if they ask for anything to drink but water. It just does not happen. The Eighties are over, you know."

However, a barman at the Grande Marquee wine bar on Ludgate Hill said: "We have plenty of champagne out there today, and there will be more tonight. Perhaps the people who do not like lunch never came here anyway."



Baker: will have to pay costs of about £50,000

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## Shares fall after US bank chief's warning

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

LONDON shares suffered their worst fall for four years yesterday. The FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed 38.2 points lower at 3,963.0. At its worst point, the FTSE had plunged by 168.5 points.

The fall came after Alan Greenspan, chairman of the American central bank, paraded Wall Street with a warning about the dangers of driving stock markets up into a speculative bubble.

He expressed concern about "irrational exuberance" pushing up prices. Although the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve was talking in general terms, he is too experienced a central banker to have been unaware of the potential impact of his remarks.

Investors saw in his comments a warning that he could raise interest rates if surging asset prices threatened control on inflation. Wall Street has jumped by 25 per cent this year, most of that coming since July.

Selling immediately hit

shares in Tokyo and other Far Eastern markets and stocks slumped all over Europe as soon as markets opened. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down by 140 points at its worst levels of the day.

However, the panic subsided after American employment figures showed that US unemployment rose to 5.4 per cent from 5.2 per cent in November, suggesting that the American economy is growing modestly enough not to ignite higher inflation and therefore provoke a rise in interest rates.

At midday on Wall Street, the Dow Jones index had recovered more than half the ground to 60 points lower.

One fund manager commented: "This is edge-of-the-seat stuff. You can't stop concentrating for a second with the market like this."

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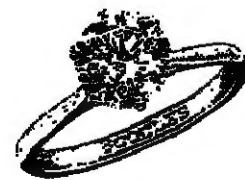
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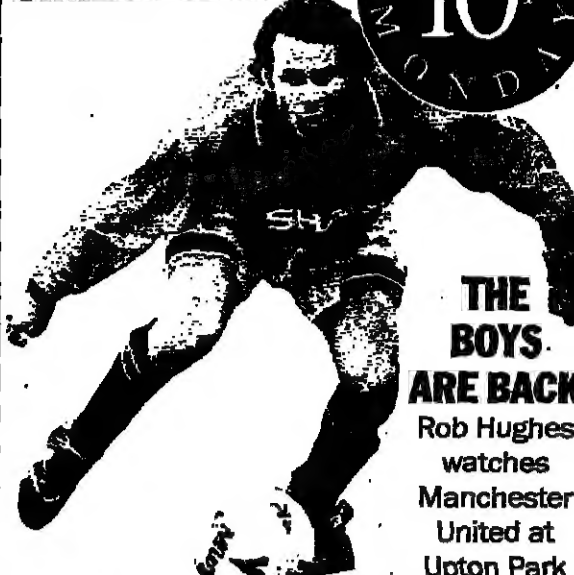
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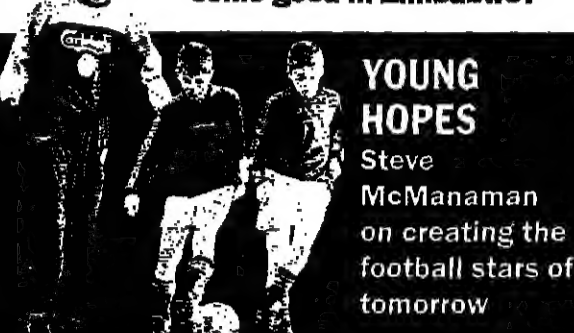
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# Rifkind draws line at frontier-free Europe

FROM CHARLES BRENNER  
IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN told its EU partners yesterday that it had no intention of abolishing frontier controls or accepting other controversial proposals contained in a draft for a revamped Maastricht treaty. As Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, spelt out British resistance, France set the scene for a bumpy European summit in Dublin next week by attacking the Irish text as hopelessly weak.

Mr Rifkind, who was in Brussels to prepare for the summit, told the other

14 ministers that Britain viewed the treaty outline as fair but that it was misguided in several areas. The proposal to include an employment chapter committing states to job-creating policies "would not create a single new job". He also flatly rejected the call to turn Europe into a frontier-free area with common policing by 2001. Britain's island geography made border controls its best defence against crime and illegal immigration, he said. "It is a fact of EU life that the United Kingdom will retain its frontier controls."

Mr Rifkind attacked a proposal to

give Brussels more control over defence through the Western European Union, and he voiced scepticism over the proclaimed desire to extend majority voting to areas now governed by the veto. Outside the ministers' "bondage", he also took a swipe at Jacques Santer, the president of the EU Commission, for saying Britain's "moment of truth" over Europe was arriving. He said Mr Santer's words were just "splendid rhetoric".

Mr Rifkind's sanguine response to the draft treaty, which is due for completion next June, reflected Brit-

ain's satisfaction that the negotiations had so far delivered little of the red-blooded federalism that Germany and its allies had been calling for. Only on social affairs was Britain's position isolated from the rest, and that was already covered by the opt-out negotiated at Maastricht, Mr Rifkind noted.

British satisfaction contrasted with an outburst from Hervé de Charette, the French Minister, who said the draft treaty "reflected the mediocrity of the work done so far" at the inter-governmental conference, the rolling negotiations to rewrite the Maa-

tricht treaty. "Things are not working," he said.

He described the call for common policing and open internal frontiers as empty. France was appalled to note that Ireland had come up with no serious text on reforming the EU's machinery, including the Commission and the decision-making system.

Germany gave the Irish draft modest praise, but officials privately shared the French view that it too timid. Chancellor Kohl and President Chirac are expected to issue a strong call for a push to more energetic reform in Dublin.

## Clarke could lead 20 protest resignations

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE warning by Kenneth Clarke that up to 20 ministers would join him in a mass resignation from the Government if John Major surrendered to the Euro-sceptics, is no idle threat.

The Chancellor has told his friends that the issue is much more important than Europe and the endless row over the single currency. It is, according to Mr Clarke, the soul of the Tory party at stake.

The Tory whips, aware of the potentially fatal damage of losing such an outspoken Chancellor so close to an election, have identified the most likely dissidents in the Government ranks. The arm-twisting and subtle flattery has already begun to ensure they stay on side.

But some of them have already made their minds up to join Mr Clarke in exile on the backbenches. Mr Clarke would be the unopposed champion of the right. Mr Major would be uncomfortably sandwiched in the middle.

The spotlight would fall first on the Cabinet ministers. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, is the most obvious suspect.

Mr Gummer, one of the longest serving ministers, would be in a difficult dilemma. A committed European, he is also a close personal friend of the Prime Minister. "He would be torn between his loyalty to John Major and his passionate belief in the single currency. Europe might win," said one leading left-wing Tory MP last night. Sir

George Young, the Transport Secretary, who was sacked and resurrected by Margaret Thatcher, would also be targeted by the Chancellor's supporters. A question mark would also hang over William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who has a high regard for Mr Clarke.

A clutch of middle-ranking ministers could also follow the Chancellor. Most Tory MPs expect Ian Taylor, the Trade and Industry minister and MP for Esher, to be at the head of the procession.

Robin Squire, the junior education minister, and David Curry, the deputy to Mr Gummer, are also thought to be highly likely to go. Other high-profile ministers who their colleagues expect to consider their position include Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the Overseas Aid minister. Lady Chalker, who is known to be unhappy at the rhetoric on Europe and the policy of non-cooperation in the beef war. She is still sore

over her failure to secure a Cabinet post.

Jeremy Hanley, the Foreign Office minister, is also known for his pro-European views. But his departure from the Government would be particularly damaging as he is a former Tory Party chairman. Anthony Nelson, a junior Treasury minister, might also follow his boss. Doubts also persist about Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces minister, who famously clashed with Baroness Thatcher over her views on Germany, is also at the centre of speculation, although his military background and training in loyalty mean he would probably resist the pressure to quit.

Mr Clarke, in an interview yesterday with his local newspaper the *Nottingham Evening Post*, made clear his desire to lead the Tory party. But he stressed that he would not challenge John Major.

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John Gummer, left, and Sir George Young: both might join the Chancellor on the backbenches



Gillian Clarke: "I haven't discovered a quilter among Cabinet wives" she said

## Hints from the political wives are not a patch on Mrs Clarke

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

GILLIAN CLARKE, wife of the Chancellor, is joining the trend for politicians' wives to reveal home-loving glimpses of life behind the scenes. She is to go on television to tell about her love for quilting.

For the first programme in a Channel 4 series on hobbies, *Collectors' Lot*, to be screened next month, Mrs Clarke has been filmed at the American Museum in Bath. She will be seen showing her favourite quilts, giving detailed tips on how best to practise her art, and recommending it as the perfect

antidote to the stresses of modern life.

"You sit in a comfy chair and just sew," she says. "The rhythm calms you down, lowers the pulse rate, lowers the blood pressure, puts you back on an even keel with the world after what may have been a rather frustrating and difficult day."

Hillary Clinton led the trend with a declaration of a hitherto unimagined enthusiasm for home-baking, Norma Major had a high-profile tour to promote her book about Chequers, and gave a TV interview on her home concerns. Cherie Booth, wife of Tony Blair, was a guest editor

of the women's magazine *Prima*.

Mrs Clarke says that her hobby began 20 years ago: "I had an ever-increasing pile of dress-making leftovers, and I wanted to do something with them. One of the joys of old quilts is the way they're treasure houses of old fabrics. You can see all sorts of things — most likely the household's clothes-making leftovers."

The Chancellor himself prefers to relax in the pub or the curry house. Mrs Clarke adds: "I haven't yet discovered a fellow quilter among the Cabinet wives. I may do so. I shall probably have dozens of letters now."

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## Universities will warn students of £1,000 fees

BY DAVID CHARTER  
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MANY university prospectuses are to carry warnings that applicants face course fees of up to £1,000 after vice-chancellors agreed to drop their threat of a £300 entry levy.

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals said that a "substantial" number of universities would alert applicants for 1998 places that fees were possible. Gareth Roberts, the committee's chairman, said that £1,000 would be a realistic charge, but not everyone would have to pay the full amount. The wording of the warning has yet to be agreed, but it is unlikely to state the exact sum payable.

Mr Roberts said: "It could not be a figure that was so high that it put students off, or a sum that was too low. I suspect you are talking of a figure of around the £1,000 mark, with a safety net where I suspect that at least 50 per cent of the students would not have to pay the full sum." He said reductions were likely to be worked out on the same basis used by local authorities to assess a student's wealth when calculating grants.

Mr Roberts welcomed the extra £100 million found for universities in the Budget, but said that losses through tax charges and other changes reduced the gain to £21 million. The £300 entry fee was dropped not because of legal advice that students had not been given fair notice.

The committee appealed for all universities to wait until the publication of Sir Ron Dearing's report on higher education funding next summer before deciding whether to charge fees.

□ Vice-chancellors' cash shortage has led to a breakdown in pay talks with all staff, who rejected their offer of 1.5 per cent and staged a one-day strike last month. Mr Roberts said that, if emergency pay talks on Thursday failed, it would mean an end to national pay bargaining.

## Decision today on museum charges

The trustees of the British Museum will meet today to decide whether to introduce admission charges in the light of a damning report on the museum's internal practices.

The meeting of the trustees, who include Sir David Attenborough, the broadcaster and naturalist, and the Duke of Gloucester, will be attended by Dr Robert Anderson, the museum's director, who has been stepping up his opposition to the idea of admission fees in recent weeks. The trustees have been studying a report by Andrew Edwards, a former Treasury deputy secretary, which said the museum was riddled with inefficiency. He proposed numerous job cuts and a £5 entrance fee to raise £8 million a year.

## Murder victim's fiancée ill

The fiancée of Lee Harvey, 25, who was stabbed to death after the couple were pursued by another car in the county of Hereford and Worcester last weekend, has been admitted to hospital after collapsing earlier this week. Neither doctors nor police would disclose the nature of Tracie Andrews' illness last night but Mr Harvey's family said she had been under strain.

## Eighth food poison death

An eighth pensioner died at Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary yesterday of Scotland's *E. coli* 0157 food poisoning outbreak. The elderly man was from the Bonnybridge area. Numbers affected by the outbreak have risen to 370, with 194 people confirmed as being infected with the *E. coli* bacteria. Fifty-seven are in hospital and 25 adults and six children are seriously ill.

## Schools' paedophile warning

A dossier, including a photograph, of a convicted paedophile who has been released from jail has been sent to 140 schools in South Wales. Police sent personal details of Fabio Lowrie, 42, to the director of education in Cardiff advising him to alert headteachers in schools in the area. A similar pilot scheme is under way in Portsmouth in which information about convicted paedophiles is sent to head teachers.

## Pupil dies of meningitis

A 16-year-old boy from Sale Grammar School in Greater Manchester died of meningitis and a 15-year-old girl at the school is seriously ill with the disease. Both contracted meningococcal septicaemia, the severest form. As health officials sought to reassure parents, a sixth meningitis case was confirmed in a male student at University College, Cardiff.

## Prison move for McAliskey

The pregnant daughter of former nationalist MP Bernadette McAliskey has been moved to Holloway prison after undergoing a hospital scan. Roisin McAliskey, 25, complained of stomach pains at the all-male Belmarsh prison where she is facing extradition. A Prison Service spokesman said antenatal care was more readily available at Holloway.

## Bookies bet on lottery rival

Bookmakers are to launch a pre-Christmas rival to the National Lottery. The game will feature a daily draw and punters will make bets on the numbers they think will come up. Unlike the lottery, which has a minimum £1 stake, bets as low as 10p will be allowed and players will be able to bet on single numbers or on several.

## Academy

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financial incompetence was set out last week in an internal memorandum from David Gordon, the newly-appointed secretary, to members of the academy's governing council and to its trustees, including the Prince of Wales, who is Trust president.

The rescue plan includes a proposal to remove control from the 12-man council of academicians and set up a new group, which would include representatives from all sections of the academy, including trustees and staff.

They also wish to boost the income for the academy and have upset some of the old guard by proposing the removal of the academicians' private assembly rooms to create more space and to convert part of the recently built Sackler gallery into a café.

The academy is self-financing and receives no grants from the taxpayer. It is planning to expand its gallery space and hopes to win lottery funds for the takeover of the premises of the nearby Museum of Man-kind which is to be rehoused by the British Museum.

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# Drink fortifies spirit in world of TV festivals

By ADRIAN LEE

PETER BAKER was known to enjoy a drink but had not acquired a reputation for excess in the world of television sales, where "hunches without alcohol are inconceivable". Former colleagues yesterday voiced support for the executive after he lost his claim for damages against a company doctor, who said that his drinking habits made him unsuitable for a lucrative job.

Mr Baker, 53, had spent 22 years in the business and regularly visited film and television festivals at a time when the hospitality was more lavish than today. His job was to sell television programmes to foreign broadcasters and, in an intensely competitive field, it was accepted that entertaining potential buyers was an integral part of his role.

"There is a lot of socialising," said Philip Jones, who was at the 1991 festival in Monte Carlo where Mr Baker admitted having a bottle of wine each day. "Of course, you could just sit down over a cup of tea, but it is very difficult trying to sell to someone who has got their drinking boots on. You sometimes can't back away from that."

Mr Jones, managing director of CTE Carlton, said: "Peter Baker did not stand out as being any worse than

anyone else. He did not have a reputation as a big drinker. I fully understand why he has brought this case. People were delighted when he got the job at NBC and then mystified when he didn't take it up."

Mr Jones, whose portfolio includes *Inspector Morse*, said the culture had changed in recent years. Up to 150 distributors might be competing for sales at each festival and a bottle of Perrier was increasingly as popular as a fine claret. "It is a rarefied atmosphere and you are on expenses in glamorous places, but you have to be on your toes 24 hours a day. It is hard work," Mr Jones said.

Stephen Leach, chairman of Action Times, one of Europe's largest entertainment and television production companies, is renowned for throwing the best opening-night parties at Cannes. He said: "Lunches without alcohol are inconceivable. It is a sign of hospitality. We normally budget for a bottle of wine a head, then wait and see."

"I would have thought a bottle a day at Monte Carlo was quite modest when you remember that you start at 11am and might go on until three the next morning," Jane Millichip, who reports on the festivals for the magazine *TV World*, said there had

been a decline in lavish entertaining. "The champagne breakfast is rare. Often there are meetings every half hour. You can't say that being wired and dined for a week is all pain, but people come back exhausted."

She added, however: "It is still very much a relationship business. Relationships are fortified over a glass of wine and a canapé."

Mr Baker lives in a large detached house in Great Bookham, Surrey, with his wife Beryl and three children. "He is a family man," one resident said. "I remember he used to be away all the time on business, often to America. But he didn't strike me as a big drinker. He's a nice chap."

Mr Baker began his television career in 1969 with Warner Brothers and had also worked for Production Associates, Global Television and Talbot Television. After losing the post with NBC Europe in 1991 he set up his own distribution company, Doljac.

Mr Baker had claimed that Dr Georges Kaye, the physician for NBC's parent company, GE, had misdiagnosed a drink problem. But a High Court judge ruled yesterday that he was not the victim of negligence by Dr Kaye.

Deputy Judge Robert Owen, QC, said a substantial body of



Peter Baker, left, had alleged negligence by Dr Georges Kaye, who said his drinking made him unsuitable for a job

## TV firm's £8,000 drinks bill

By ADRIAN LEE

reasonable medical opinion would have reached the same conclusion as Dr Kaye, a vastly experienced physician. Also, Mr Baker had been evasive about his drinking.

Doctors will be open to challenge from people undergoing company medicals, despite Mr Baker's defeat. The judge ruled that the case established a new principle: the doctor, although employed by the company, also had a responsibility to the patient.

Dr Kaye, who is based in Harley Street, was in France on company business but was relieved to have been vindicated, his solicitor said.

THE company that refused to employ Peter Baker because he had an alleged drink problem spent thousands of pounds on alcohol recently when it threw a huge party in a French chateau.

NBC celebrated its seventieth anniversary with a celebration in Cannes, on the penultimate night of the annual October television festival. The total bill for the evening came to £27,000, with

£8,000 spent on drinks. Most went on alcohol. "It was the highlight of the week," one partygoer said. "There were certainly some very drunk people there." The party went on until 3.30am. "It was still in full swing but that was when the chateau closed."

Many of those at the party attended festival events the next day for their companies. The High Court was told that NBC's American parent company, General Electric Technical Services, frowned on

alcohol. Those who drank at lunchtime and refused to change their habits were eased out of the company.

Mr Baker admitted drinking a bottle of wine a day at a festival in Monte Carlo, shortly before he underwent a pre-employment medical. A former medical director of the company told the court that it had a "strict policy on alcohol" because it was estimated that drinking by executives cost millions of dollars a year in poor decision-making.

## Guard on Lawrence son after kidnap bid

By JOANNA BALE

THE son of the murdered headmaster Philip Lawrence was escorted to school yesterday by detectives hunting a mystery couple who attempted to abduct him from his home.

Mr Lawrence's widow, Frances, has told police that a man and a woman claiming to be from the social services came to the house and asked for Lucien Lawrence, nine. They tried to persuade her to let them take him away for a medical examination, and referred to his GP by name.

At the Lawrence family home yesterday in Ealing, west London, Detective Inspector Alan Gale said: "Police are investigating an allegation of attempted abduction of Mrs Lawrence's son from this address on Wednesday afternoon. She was suspicious and refused access."

The man was aged about 40, 5ft 11in, with short brown hair and black-rimmed glasses, and wore a beige mackintosh. The woman was about 28, 5ft 6in, with short, black, bobbed hair, and wore a black jacket and black shirt.

Police said that there was no evidence of any link with a stalker who troubled Mrs Lawrence earlier this year. Officers are investigating any links with similar attempts to lure children in the west London area.

Mr Lawrence was stabbed last December outside St George's school, Maida Vale. A boy of 16 was held for life.

## Custody death verdict prompts training call

By STEPHEN FARRELL

A CORONER yesterday called for far-reaching reforms to police training after a jury returned a verdict of accidental death on a black burglary suspect whose death in police custody sparked a riot in Brixton a year ago.

The family of Wayne Douglas, 25, stormed out of Southwark Crown Court as the foreman delivered the 8-1 majority verdict. Relatives claim that Mr Douglas, an unemployed former postman, was suffocated by police, who forced him to lie face-down with his hands cuffed behind his back in Brixton during and after his arrest last December.

The police, however, insisted that Mr Douglas had repeatedly lunged at them with two knives after he was stopped because he fitted the description of a burglar who had stolen a couple's credit cards and cash at knifepoint minutes earlier.

The jury took four hours 20 minutes to decide that Mr

Douglas, of Sydenham, south-east London, had died of heart failure due to stress, exhaustion and positional asphyxia.

The Southwark Coroner, Sir Montague Levine, said that he was "appalled" to learn that Metropolitan Police officers received just a few minutes' training on the form of asphyxia caused by suspects being held face down when subdued with their hands handcuffed behind them. His recommendations included more research into the problems of restraining suspects, guidelines for all officers on the risks of positional asphyxia where suspects are exhausted and stressed, refresher courses and a booklet to be issued to all police officers on the symptoms.

After the three-week hearing, Mr Douglas's brother Albert appealed for calm. He said the family were disappointed and angry with the verdict. "I have always been convinced that my brother

was suffocated in Brixton police station."

The family's solicitor, Louise Christian, said they would seek a judicial review. "The coroner made errors of law in the way he summed up. We sought a verdict of unlawful killing. There are two types of unlawful killing: gross criminal negligence in not getting Mr Douglas medical treatment or asking if he was all right; and unlawful force, because he was put on his front unnecessarily."

The coroner said the jury had to find both things took place when in fact the jury had to find only one.

Police claimed Mr Douglas violently resisted arrest when confronted. He was hit with police batons to make him drop a kitchen knife, then placed face down in a play-ground before being taken to police station where he was again held face-down. Witnesses told the inquest they saw police raining blows on him with batons. But two post-mortem examinations found no evidence of injuries that would have contributed to his death.

After Mr Douglas was seen on the floor with his eyes bulging, his jaw locked and mucus coming from his mouth, officers tried to resuscitate him. A post-mortem examination by Dr Frederick Patel concluded he died from hypertensive heart disease. Professor Bernard Knight concluded positional asphyxia was the cause and found no evidence of heart disease.



Wayne Douglas: verdict of accidental death

## Jogger has throat slashed

A WOMAN was slashed across the throat as she was out jogging in what police described as a motiveless and random attack.

Mary Robinson, 41, a mother of four, was running through Milton Keynes in Buckinghamshire with a friend on Wednesday evening when she was attacked. She had 19 stitches in her throat and face after being cut with a long-bladed knife.

Mrs Robinson said last night she was convinced her assailant wanted to kill her. "All he wanted to do was to cut somebody's throat. He is not going to be happy with that. I think he will do it again."

Detective Inspector Neville Finkney of Thames Valley Police said: "This was an entirely motiveless attack. We have ruled out sex and robbery. It was gratuitous violence and for everyone's sake we need to catch this man as soon as possible." They were treating the case as attempted murder. The attacker was 5ft 9in tall, of stocky build and with cropped hair.

## Murder charge PC 'had no choice'

By TIM JONES

A POLICE officer accused of murdering an unarmed man told an Old Bailey jury yesterday that he had no choice but to fire his gun because he believed his life was in danger.

PC Patrick Hodgson, 49, said he was shaking when he shot and killed David Ewin as he tried to drive off in a Toyota car that had been boxed in by police and other vehicles near Hammersmith Bridge in west London.

The court was told that PC Hodgson, a specialist firearms officer, had been a member of the crew of a Metropolitan Police armed response vehicle when the incident occurred in February last year. PC Hodgson told the court he thought that Mr Ewin, 38, a suspected car thief, may have carried out an armed robbery when he saw him sprinting out of an off-licence.

He said Mr Ewin ignored his warnings to stop and ran into the car. "I drew my gun and shouted 'Armed police' to stop him escaping and at the same time to defend myself

from any possible threat from inside the car."

"While I hadn't seen him carrying a weapon, once in the car any weapon in the vehicle would have been a threat to me... I felt extremely vulnerable."

He said Mr Ewin, of Roehampton, southwest London, continued to shout the vehicle backwards and forwards as he tried to escape. "I was totally shocked because with that one exception people had always complied with my demands when I pointed a gun at them." It was, he said, the only time he had fired a gun on operational duty, since qualifying in 1980 as a firearms instructor.

PC Hodgson, who denies murder, told Nicholas Purnell, QC, for the defence: "There was no other option. I was never out of danger... I tried all the conventional methods but firing the gun was the last resort."

The case continues.

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# Airlines challenge new restrictions on aircraft noise

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

AIRLINES yesterday won High Court approval for a legal challenge to government proposals for a clampdown on aircraft noise.

Mr Justice Popplewell gave permission for the International Air Transport Association, to seek a judicial review of tighter noise restrictions on aircraft taking off from Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted.

The regulations were due to come into force on January 1 but will be postponed pending the case, expected early in the new year. Environmental and residents' groups were angered by the postponement. Dermot Cox, chairman of the Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise, said: "It is quite despicable that the airlines are not only refusing to accept that improvements have to be made to the environment but are able to postpone the Government's policies."

"They will learn eventually that they have to work with the

communities rather than confront them at every turn. Whatever happens, the Government must stand up to their bullying tactics."

The Transport Department planned to cut the maximum permitted noise by three decibels during the day and by two at night. Scientists said that this would have a significant impact on the amount of noise aircraft were permitted to make, and would encourage airlines to invest in quieter jets.

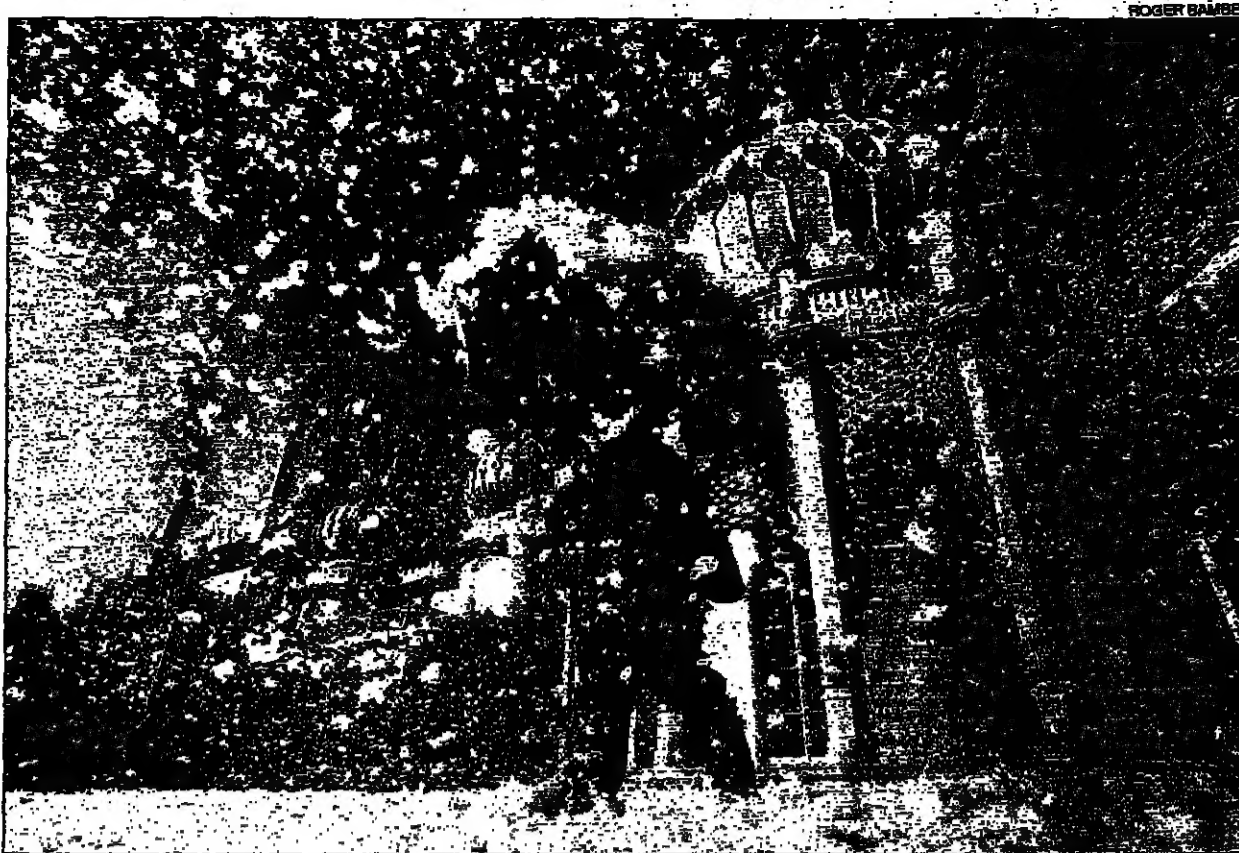
Iata will argue that the new limits are unlawful, "not operationally achievable and will have a severe impact on the long-haul operations of major carriers". It said that hundreds of older aircraft would be barred and newer jets would have to reduce their load of fuel, cargo or passengers to conform to the regulations.

The Government signed an international agreement in 1990 which allowed airlines to

use older aircraft (known as chapter two jets) until 2002, an Iata spokesman said. "The British Government, however, introduced these new rules without consultation and many of our members, who are gradually phasing out these aircraft, are faced with having to stop flying to London from the beginning of next month."

Iata, which represents 254 airlines carrying 95 per cent of the world's international scheduled traffic, also wants to overturn a requirement for aircraft to reach a minimum height of 1,000ft at a given distance from take-off.

The Department of Transport is considering equally tight noise constraints on aircraft as they land. Complaints about aircraft noise at Heathrow are falling despite a sharp increase in the number of flights. But they are rising fast at Gatwick, where BA has switched hundreds of additional flights.



AGAINST all the weather forecasts, a blizzard lays a blanket of snow deep and crisp and even on the grounds of the Royal Pavilion in Brighton. Even more remarkably, it does it every evening at 4 o'clock on the dot for an hour because, tired of waiting for the vagaries of the English winter to produce a traditional white Christmas, the town's council has turned to technology to whip up the festive spirit. The snow is made from

## White Christmas falls on the dot

foam and produced by machines hung in four trees in the grounds of the pavilion, once the Prince Regent's extravagant summer retreat. To add to the traditional Yuletide scene, carols are

sung and pony-trap rides are offered around the lawns against a backdrop of 40,000 fairy lights. Amanda Shepherd, a spokeswoman for Brighton Council, said: "It creates a traditional image of what we imagine Christmas to be like." The snow, which melts away each night, will fall until Christmas Eve when the machines will be turned off. Miss Shepherd said: "It is then up to nature if it wants to follow our lead."

## Millennium exhibition cost rises by £200m

By DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE Millennium Exhibition at Greenwich will cost £700 million, £200 million more than the most recent official estimate, according to its organisers. Their business plan for the event will be presented to the Millennium Commission next week.

The commission will decide whether the plan is acceptable or if the exhibition, which had a battle to raise the necessary private backing, should be scrapped.

The commission will not be asked to increase its £200 million contribution, and private sponsorship is expected to stay at £150 million. Instead, Millennium Central, the operating company, believes the extra cash will come from merchandising, media fees and gate receipts. It is also hoped that more sponsorship will be raised for touring events.

However, the organisers will make it clear that both the Government and Opposition must be prepared to guarantee borrowings for such a huge project in order for work to begin early next year.

## Prince urged to help boost communities

By JOHN YOUNG

THE Prince of Wales is being urged to sound a "clarion call" to win greater public recognition of the role of local community enterprise in creating a happier, healthier and more just society.

The Prince met a delegation from Business in the Community in Liverpool yesterday. He was told that government, local authorities, industry and commerce, and seats of learning — particularly schools for business, medicine and architecture — needed to be made aware of the benefits of involving people who had previously felt excluded from decisions affecting their lives.

The Prince was reminded of his own recently stated wish to see a spiritual as well as a physical dimension to the coming millennium celebrations. Partnerships between business and local communities required a moral as well as a financial commitment, and in the process encouraged new attitudes to people's duties and responsibilities to their fellow citizens.

The delegation, led by Peter Davis, chief executive of the Prudential Corporation, told the Prince that existing public funding structures were quite inappropriate in meeting community needs.

The Rev Andrew Mawson, chief executive of the Bromley-

by-Bow Centre in east London, cited a recent survey among community groups which found that only 1 per cent believed the present funding mechanisms were satisfactory. Money from the Treasury went to local authority housing, education and social services departments and there was widespread waste.

The Prince agreed that the Treasury was "a problem"

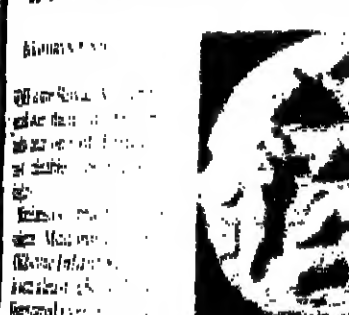
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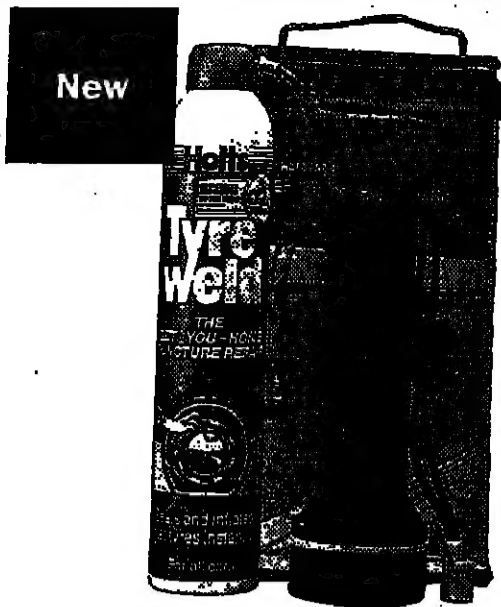
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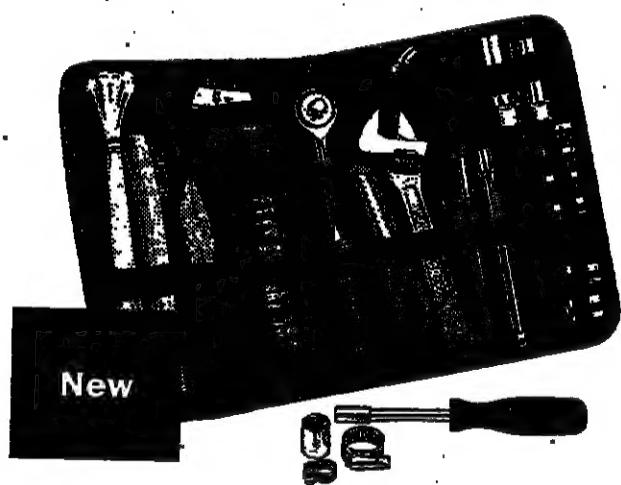
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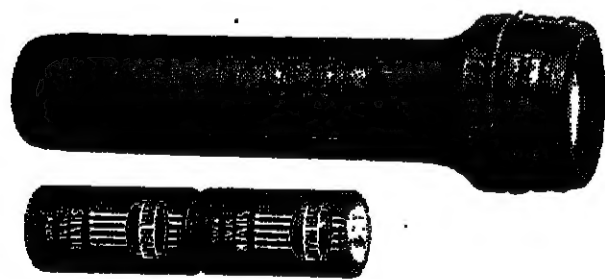
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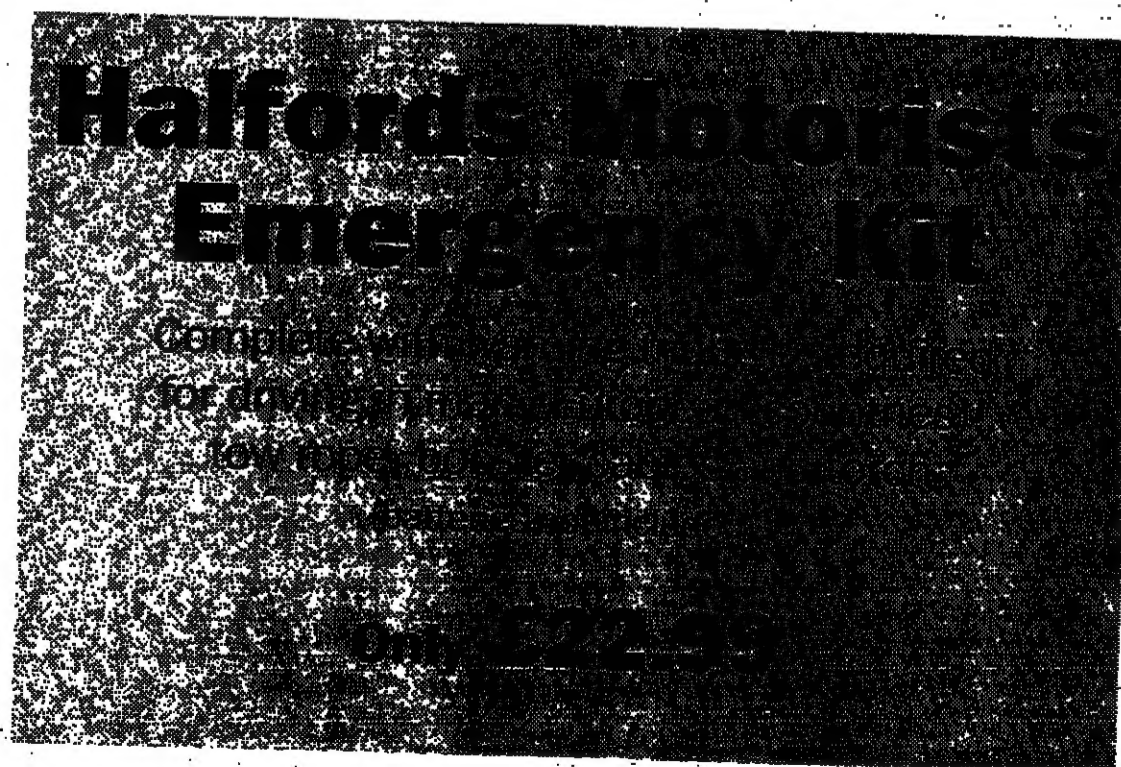
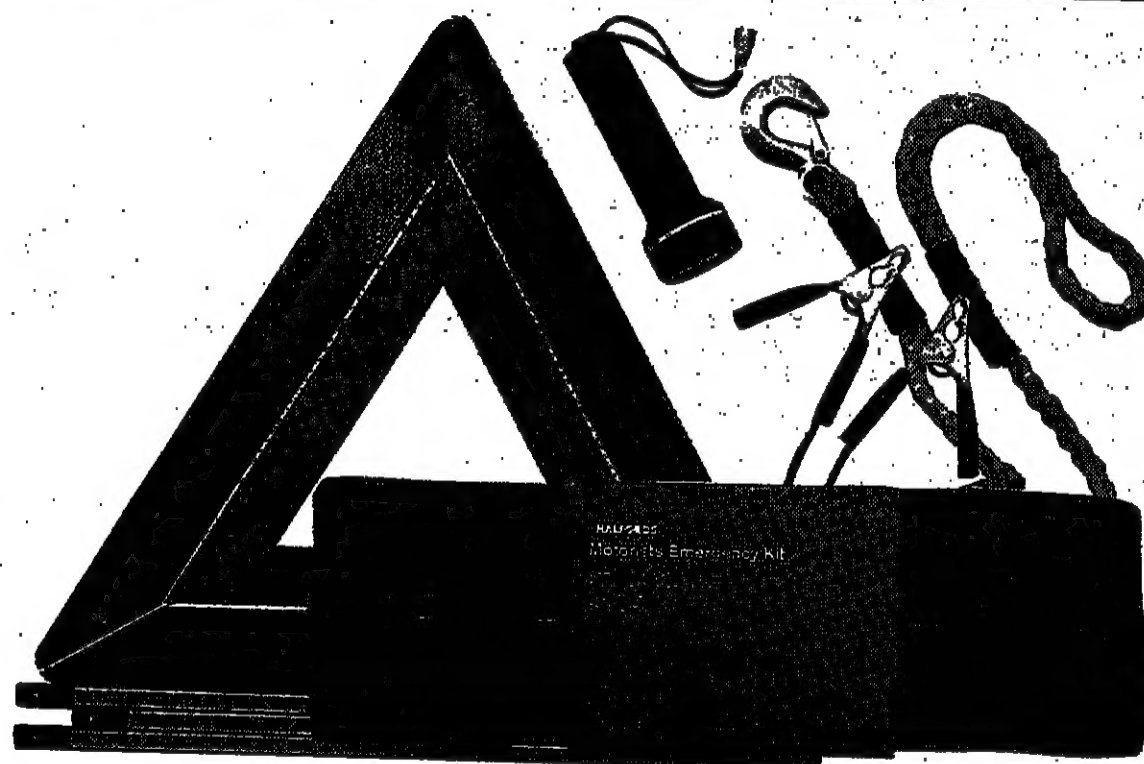
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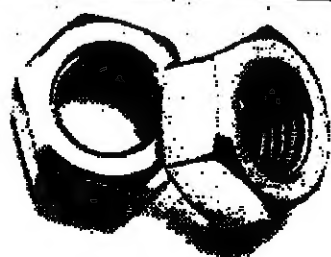
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# Howard considers fresh inquiry on Hillsborough

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE Home Secretary has said he will consider carefully a request for a fresh inquiry into the Hillsborough disaster in the light of concerns raised by a television drama-documentary screened on Thursday.

Michael Howard was handed a letter asking for a new inquiry by Kathy Ellis of Carlisle, the daughter of one of the victims, yesterday. The Home Secretary told her: "I will look at this letter and any other communication I receive and I will consider it very carefully."

Richard Wells, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police, which took most of the blame for the tragedy in which 96 fans died, yesterday found himself in an argument with the families of the victims and their supporters. Mr Wells had said that on his first viewing of the Granada TV programme he saw "nothing new". He promised, however: "We will replay the film and I give a solemn undertaking that if there is new material we will pursue it."

The Hillsborough Family Support Group said that the programme included new evi-

dence supporting its case. Trevor Hicks, the group's chairman, who lost his daughters Sarah and Vicky in the disaster and whose marriage has since broken up, said it was enough for a jury to alter the inquest verdict of accidental death.

The film touched on missing videotapes of crowd scenes at the ground and witness statements being changed. It also highlighted the families' claim that a security camera covering the pens where the fans were crushed was working, contrary to statements at the time.

The inquest was told that the camera was defective, preventing police in the stadium control room seeing that the pens were full as they decided to open the gates to relieve pressure from outside.

Roger Houldsworth, a technician who installed and maintained the camera at the Sheffield Wednesday ground, has signed an affidavit saying that the camera was functioning. Mr Hicks said: "If Mr Houldsworth is right, other people must be wrong. We are calling on the Home Secretary

to investigate. We would like a criminal investigation into perjury, collusion and possibly perverting the course of justice."

Jimmy McGovern, the writer of the programme, said: "Now everyone knows there is a lot of evidence that contradicts what the police have said. The programme accused South Yorkshire Police of the greatest incompetence since the Keelson Kops and all the Chief Constable can say is there is nothing new."

Dr Stefan Popper, the coroner who conducted the inquest, said the accidental death verdicts returned on those who died did not close the door to criminal prosecutions, but he believed a new inquest would be futile because of the limitations on coroners' courts.

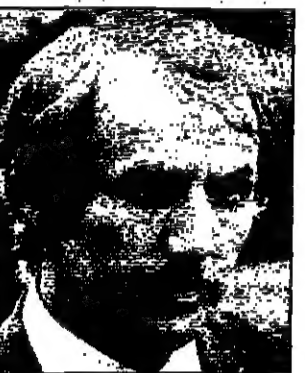
Mr Wells, who became Chief Constable of South Yorkshire in 1990, said: "My approach has always been that this was an avoidable disaster. The South Yorkshire Police have stood up since I took command and acknowledged our part in the tragedy. I have repeatedly said sorry, but we want other parties to say, 'Yes we are part of this too. It is now time to move on.'"

He said that his force had reservations about the programme when they met its makers a year ago and declined to assist them. "We were concerned about Jimmy McGovern's ability to be objective about a subject on which he confesses to deeply held views."

"Claims about missing video tapes and changed statements were all issues that were known about and dealt with in an above-board fashion in the earlier hearings."



Richard Wells, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, and Trevor Hicks, of the Hillsborough family group



## £28,000 award over racial discrimination upheld

BY RICHARD FORD  
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Prison Service has lost an attempt to reduce damages of £28,000 awarded to a black employee over racial discrimination. An employment appeal tribunal upheld the level of damages won by Claude Johnson, a prison auxiliary officer, after finding it was the worst case its members had come across.

In its ruling, published yesterday, the appeal tribunal said that while the award to Mr Johnson, 27, amounted to "just over" £28,000, it was "larger than any

other reported award for injury to feelings", it was appropriate.

"This was a campaign of discrimination over a period in excess of 18 months involving exposure to humiliation, ostracism, ridicule and contempt at the respondent's [Mr Johnson's] place of work."

Mr Johnson, who works at Brixton jail, was ostracised by other employees there after complaining about a black prisoner being attacked by a number of officers. He was no longer asked to play cricket with colleagues or join them for a drink. After complaining

to the governor about his treatment, for six months he was given less overtime than white colleagues.

An officer told Mr Johnson, who was born in Britain, to "sing because all you guys can sing". On another occasion he was told to run with some bags because "all you guys are athletes".

Mr Johnson, who has been employed by the Prison Service since 1989 and earns £12,000 a year, had been awarded £20,000 for injury to his feelings plus £7,500 aggravated damages and a further £1,000 damages.



## In which Pooh and Piglet find a fortune

An original drawing of Winnie-the-Pooh and Piglet going Woozle hunting fetched a record £80,500, well in excess of the estimated £10,000-£15,000, at Christie's in London yesterday. Four E.H. Shepherd illustrations of the A. A. Milne characters, drawn for the 1926

book *Winnie-the-Pooh*, sold for a total of £216,200. Each had been estimated to make between £8,000 and £12,000. The prices overshadowed Beatrix Potter, whose *Hunza Munca* and *Peter Rabbit* fetched £5,750 (estimate £2,000-£4,000).

## Lawyers told to inform on bad-risk clients

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

SOLICITORS have a duty to warn mortgage companies if clients who are would-be borrowers are unlikely to be able to meet their payments, the High Court ruled yesterday.

The test case affects the large majority of residential mortgage transactions, in which a solicitor acts on behalf of both the borrower and the lender. The judgment means that lawyers cannot be bound by confidentiality if they discover that the potential borrower is a bad risk.

The Solicitors' Indemnity Fund, which will have to meet the costs of the case, is expected to appeal because more than 1,000 similar cases are pending, involving transactions worth millions of pounds.

The case concerned a loan of £91,000, granted in 1989 by the National Home Loans Corporation, to homeowners in Bletchley, Buckinghamshire. The owners had obtained a £38,500 mortgage in 1986 from the Halifax Building Society and had remortgaged the property for £71,000 with the Tamar Mortgage Company Number One in 1988.

They fell £4,000 behind with their repayments, but did not disclose this when they obtained a second remortgage from the National Home Loans Corporation. Their solicitors throughout were Giffen Couch and Archer, of Leighton Buzzard, which also acted for the corporation. Fe-

licity Butler, the solicitors' conveyancing executive, knew that the owners had fallen behind with repayments and had been threatened with eviction, but told the court that she assumed the mortgage company had made its own inquiries and was aware of the arrears. She believed that the corporation "was the type of lender that would lend to borrowers who would be considered more risky... I would not have thought the fact that the borrowers were in arrears would have been of any concern to it."

The judge, Graeme Hamilton, QC, disagreed. "The solicitor does not necessarily know whether any — and, if so, what — investigations have been carried out," he said. "In this case the defendant's solicitor did not know. It follows this important piece of information should have been passed on."

The owners defaulted on payments, and, because house prices fell shortly afterwards, the corporation was unable to recover all its losses. The judge awarded £80,000 damages against the solicitors, saying that the loss was caused by the corporation "embarking upon a course of action upon which it would not have embarked had it been given the correct information. The duty in this case is to supply information."

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# Government on brink of ordering new cattle cull

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

APPROVAL for a selective cull of older cattle is expected next week, raising hopes of a relaxation of the European Union ban on British beef.

Plans for the cull were discussed with a delegation from the European Parliament, which visited Britain to assess the effectiveness of measures to protect public health against BSE.

Lord Plumb, leader of the Tory MEPs, hinted strongly that an announcement was imminent after the visit ended yesterday. "I am hoping that in a matter of days we should be getting some announcement on this," he said.

Philip Whitehead, Labour MEP for Staffordshire and Derby, said that a lifting of the beef ban would be "much more probable" if the Government gave the go-ahead for the selective cull.

The European Parliament delegation inspected abattoirs and rendering plants. They met Roger Freeman, the Cabinet minister in charge of co-ordinating BSE policy, Ministry of Agriculture officials, scientists, farmers' leaders and consumer groups.

The slaughter of up to 147,000 cattle identified as being most at risk of develop-

ing BSE was agreed at the EU summit in Florence last June but the Government put the cull on hold in September, voicing doubts about its scientific justification.

Some 1.2 million cattle have been incinerated under a separate scheme to keep those more than 30 months old out of the food chain. This was aimed at restoring consumer confidence rather than speeding the eradication of BSE. Cattle under 30 months old are regarded as the least likely to have eaten the infected meal thought to have caused BSE.

The selective cull would involve older cattle, mainly dairy cows, reared alongside animals that have already died of BSE and likely to have eaten the same feed.

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, still disputes the scientific grounds for the selective cull but is understood to have been persuaded by the political arguments.

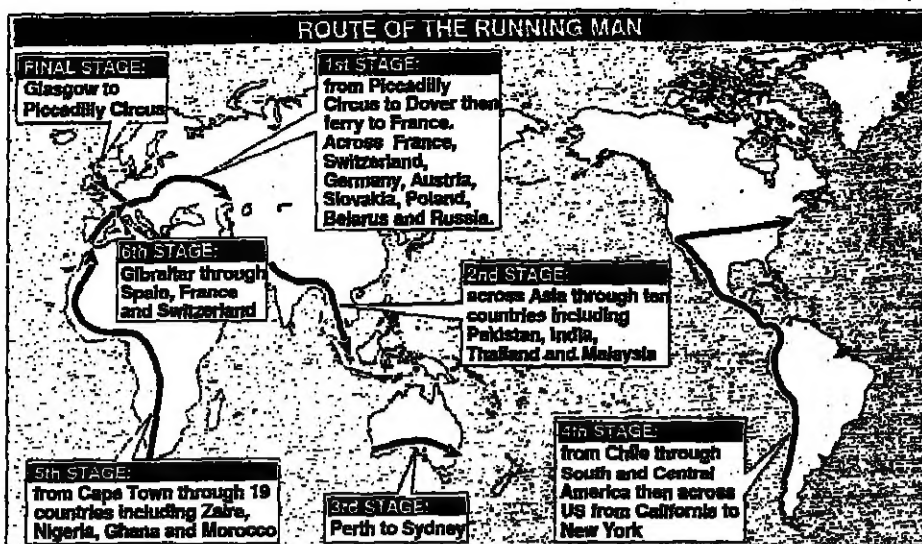
Lord Plumb said he believed the selective cull should involve about 100,000 animals, less than the original number because some would already have been killed under the over-30-months scheme. Ian Gardiner, policy director of the National Farmers' Union, said: "A cull of close to 100,000 animals would be about right, and we want the Government to get on with it."

Compensation for farmers could top £100 million. The cost per cow would be high because many animals would still have years of milking and calving left in them.

The European Parliament delegation was impressed by the BSE safeguards in place. Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu Baringdorf, a German MEP, said the export ban would not have been needed had the measures been enforced with rigour from the outset.



Plumb: hoping for an announcement in days



## See you in three years, says jogger on a lap of the world

By RUSSELL JENKINS

ROBERT GARSIDE sets out for a jog this morning with the world at his feet. He plans a 33,000-mile route, which would make him the first person to run round the globe, returning home just in time for the big New Year's Eve celebrations in December 1999.

The psychology graduate from Stockport, Greater Manchester, expects to wear out about 50 pairs of running shoes. His timetable includes freezing Russian winters and the scorching Saharan sun. And he has no back-up team: he plans to run alone, carrying his survival gear in a 27-litre rucksack.

"My biggest fear is not physical hardship, but loneliness," Mr Garside, 29, said yesterday. He will be kissing goodbye to his girlfriend, Joanna Souer, 20, for his

farewell from Piccadilly Circus for the first leg through western Europe.

"I am as gregarious as anybody. I hope the relationships and friendships I have on the way will help. But I am a moving entity, transient to say the least, so I am just going to have to make do with that. Running is my life and this is the ultimate challenge."

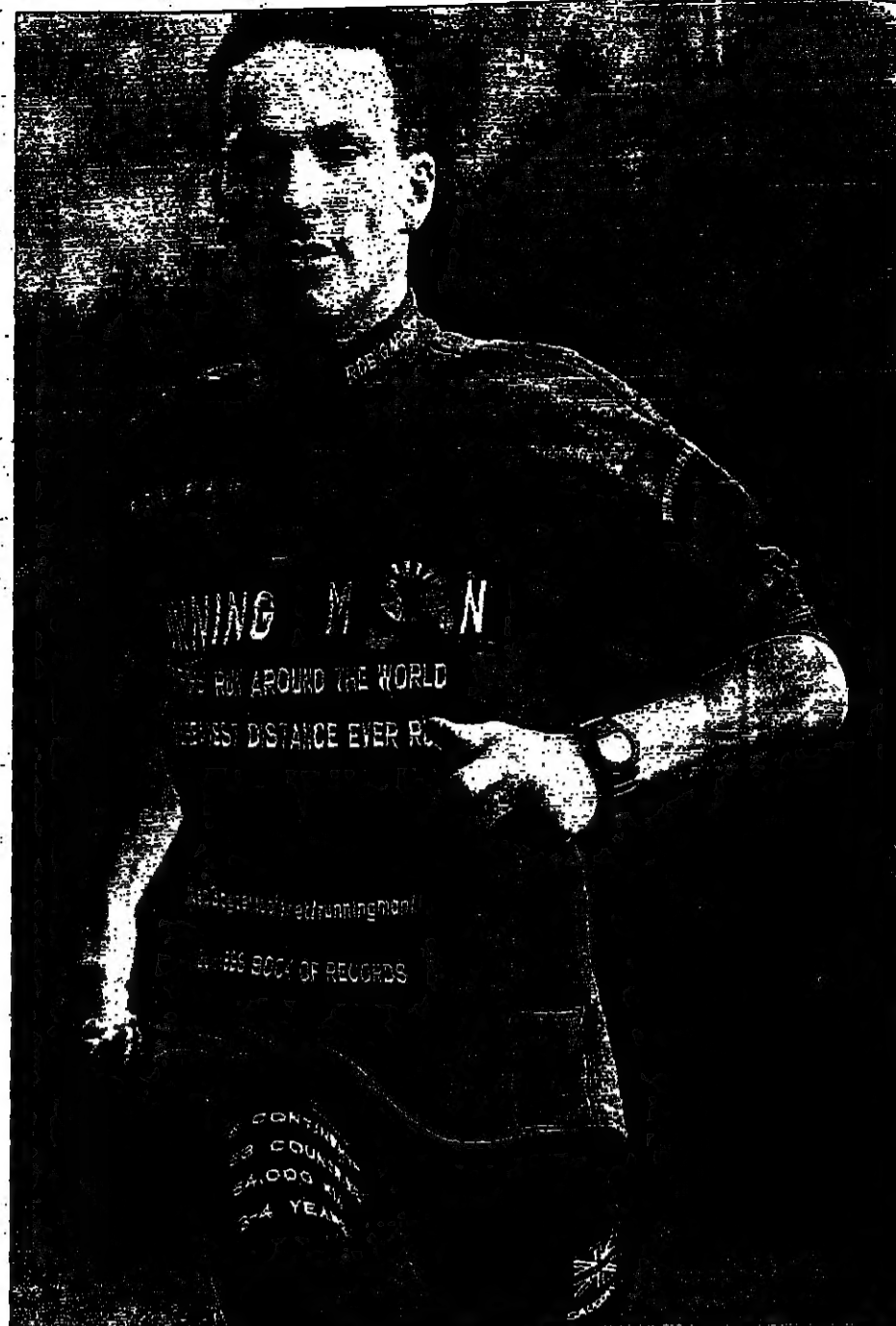
He hopes to raise £2 million for Greenpeace through the Running Man Millennium Appeal, which involves the furthest distance ever run. He will report at the police stations of every town he runs through to help The Guinness Book of Records to verify his logbook. He hopes that his presence will go before him and that well-wishers — some of them charting his progress via the Internet — will offer him overnight accommoda-

tion. If not, he will be sleeping where he can.

In the new year, he hopes to cross Poland, Belarus and Russia, where temperatures are expected to drop to minus 40C. He has a Himalayan survival suit, weighing almost two kilos, for overnight stops.

There is also a lighter double hooped bivvy-bag for the warmer climates of Asia, Australia, the Americas and Africa. His kit also includes a 3.2 litre water container, a wearable mosquito net, a Lycra running suit with a fleece lining, a solar-powered Walkman and two tapes.

On a trial 2,000-kilometre run across southern Africa, he encountered wild baboons and poisonous snakes, but it showed that a target of up to 40 miles a day is feasible, he said. "I have made up my mind to do it and I will."



Robert Garside on a final practice run yesterday for his transglobal marathon

## Scientists itching to get secret of midge's love bites

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

WHEN a female biting midge says No she really means Yes, scientists studying their courtship ritual have found.

Researchers discovered that the females, including those of the vicious scourge of Scottish holiday-makers the Highland midge, check the health of an eager male by putting up a struggle. Dr Alison

Blackwell of the University of Dundee said yesterday: "The female is, it appears, assessing the fitness of the male by the vigour of his response to her unresponsive behaviour. This wrestling can carry on for a couple of minutes, which is quite a long time for a midge."

The researchers have also found that starving a male keeps him keen, at least in the midge world. "Starved males are the keenest to mate, presumably because they are run-

ning out of energy and must do something now or never."

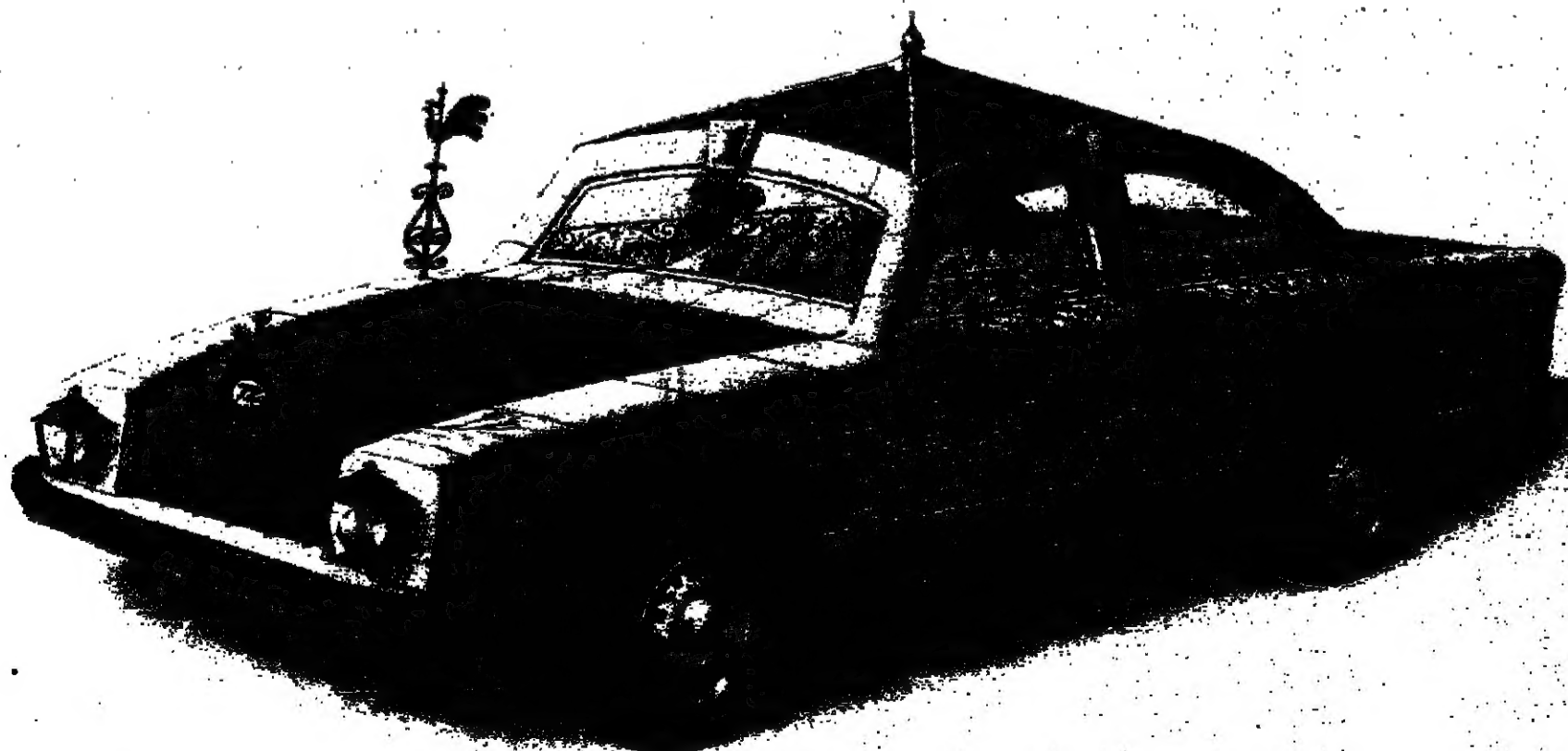
"The message is: if you want peak sexual form, starve him," said Dr Blackwell, whose studies have been carried out with Jacqui Mair, a postgraduate at the university. The findings, details of which will be disclosed later this month at a meeting of the British Ecological Society at Durham University, have come from studies of the common biting midge, which lives on farm-

land and feeds off cattle, and the Highland midge. While farmland midges tussle on land the females of the Highland species tussle in-flight. "The males swarm and then the wrestling process goes on in the air," Dr Blackwell said. "Then they fall to the ground and finish it off."

By studying the courtship ritual, the scientists hope to discover a way of controlling the Highland midge. The bloodsucking insect has been known to clear whole campsites

overnight and ruin many a fine fishing holiday. It is even claimed they stopped a train on the hill out of Auchnasheen in the Highlands by swarming the locomotive lost its grip. Dr Blackwell said there was clearly a female chemical or pheromone involved in initiating courtship and mating. By isolating the active ingredient it might be possible to develop ways of luring the males into traps to control numbers.

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## British soccer fans shot in Vienna's red light district

By DANIEL MCGRORY

TWO Manchester United supporters were shot early yesterday morning after staying on in Vienna to celebrate the team's European Cup victory. One of the men was said to have been critically injured.

Austrian police said that Steven Daye, 33, and Christopher McKenna, 32, were ambushed from a passing car. Two other fans escaped unhurt in the attack, which may have followed an argument in a bar in Vienna's red light district.

A police spokesman said Mr Daye, from Chadderton, Greater Manchester, was "seriously injured and is in danger of his life". He was in intensive care at the Danube Hospital after a three-hour operation. Doctors also operated on Mr McKenna to remove a bullet from his leg.

Detectives later interviewed Mr McKenna, from Blackley, Greater Manchester, about the incident, and British diplomats spoke to the two fans who escaped unhurt. Joseph Vickers, 38, and Paul O'Neill, 30, tried to discover why they were attacked.

Speaking from his hospital bed, Mr McKenna told the *Manchester Evening News*: "The four of us were just chatting and laughing when suddenly car windows and shop windows around us shattered. The next thing I knew Steven and I were lying on the floor with blood everywhere."

Despite an assertion by the British Embassy that the attack followed a "verbal altercation" with Austrian fans, Mr McKenna said the United fans had got on well with the locals, even though Rapid Vienna had lost 2-0 on Wednesday.

"We were really impressed with how friendly the Austrians were," he said. "We'd had a brilliant holiday and had been out celebrating, but didn't go overboard and decided to go back to the hotel because our flight left at 4am."

Mr McKenna, who has been told that he may have to remain in hospital for a week, said: "I have no idea why we were attacked."

An employee at the Piccolo Sauna bar, a sprawling, neon-lit establishment featuring exotic dancers, remembered the United fans arriving with two Austrians who were well known in the area and sharing several drinks before an argument began. The barman said: "When the argument got too loud they were all told to leave. The British went first, followed by the Austrians."

The United fans said that as they stood on the pavement a white Mercedes slowed and a gunman leaned from a window and fired a volley of shots.

A police spokesman said: "They were shot at from someone in the car, but we do not know what sort of weapon it was."

"We do not know what the argument was about but we do not think it was about football. It may have been about money or girls. It must have been serious. We do not normally have shootings here. It is peaceful."

Slaney Daye said his brother Steven was an avid fan of Manchester United and went to all the team's games, at home and abroad.

The club said last night that it was "shocked and saddened" by the attack and was co-operating with the Foreign Office and the Austrian authorities in the investigation. A spokesman said: "The match itself passed off peacefully. There was a good atmosphere both in and around the stadium with supporters of both teams exchanging pennants and other souvenirs."



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## A Stepford doll for little horrors

By STEPHEN FARRELL

THE latest toy fad to hit the United States is a "clone" doll tailor-made to resemble the child who will own it. My Twinn will, according to its advertising literature, "help kids and families feel good about themselves and appreciate how special and unique they are".

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There is a choice of six skin tones, 12 eye colours, 13 hair shades and matching spectacles if required. The basic doll costs £87, but extras such as matching dresses can bring the price to £210.

The doll, with its slightly sinister echoes of the film *The Stepford Wives*, in which the men in a small town replace their wives with life-size computerised models, is not available in Britain but can be ordered from America. Gerry Masters, of the British Association of Toy Retailers, said yesterday: "It sounds sick, but there's no accounting for American bad taste."

## Castaways



Of all the victims of the millionaire American con-man Armand Hammer, the most poignant were his mistress, Bettye Jean Murphy, and their secret daughter, Victoria.

Read their story in THE SUNDAY TIMES tomorrow

## Footballer fined for brawl in restaurant

A SOCCER star caught on video throwing chairs across a restaurant was fined £4,500 yesterday. Two staff were injured in the attack by Lee Bowyer, an England under-21 international, and two friends at a drive-in McDonald's.

Keith Grant, the magistrate, told Bowyer that he had narrowly escaped jail. "This clearly was a disgraceful incident and that is confirmed by what I have seen on the video. It took place in a public place."



Bowyer: seen on video throwing chairs at staff

People were put in fear," Mr Grant said.

Bowyer, 19, who plays for the Premiership side Leeds United, admitted a charge of affray at Thames Magistrates' Court, London, last month. Yesterday he was also ordered to pay a total of £175 to the two McDonald's staff. Leeds United had fined him £4,000.

Ben Bounie and John Nwile, both 19, were fined £600 and £400 respectively for their part in the incident on the Isle of Dogs, east London, in September.

Stephen Pollard, for Bowyer, told the court that the footballer was of excellent character and that there had been provocation from one of the staff, who was seen on the video waving a metal bar.

Mr Pollard said that Bowyer's strength of character had been demonstrated by the way the midfielder had played for Leeds United in the Premiership match against Chelsea last Sunday. "He was extremely fearful of today's appearance but he gave his all," Mr Pollard said.



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## Time's up for Liffey clock lost in slime

By Audrey Magee  
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

DUBLIN'S attempt to count down the seconds to the millennium by installing an underwater clock has fallen foul of the murky waters of the River Liffey.

The £250,000 digital timepiece, funded by the National Lottery, was submerged in the river in March to count down to the millennium. But within days nobody could read the nine neon digits. Algal bloom, attracted by the clock's light and heat, took over, turning the clock into a fuzzy yellow haze. Dubliners peering into the Liffey from O'Connell Bridge quickly dubbed it "the chime in the slime".

It was lifted out of the water in August before the annual Liffey swim and was never put back. Yesterday the clock was heading for the scrapheap. Paula McEvoy, a spokeswoman, said: "I still think it is a beautiful idea, but maybe an idea that is ahead of its time."

The underwater installation was chosen from 30 submissions by architects, designers and artists for the National Lottery Countdown 2000 competition. A judging panel decided that the clock was the most innovative and interesting idea.

The six-tonne, flat, rectangular clock was powered by electricity transmitted via underwater cables. It was turned on with much razzmatazz on March 15, with 119 million seconds left to count. About 10,000 people gathered along the walls of the Liffey to see it light up, but few have managed to see it since.

The lottery spent almost four months deliberating what should be done with the slime-ridden clock. Ms McEvoy said the expense of scraping algae off it until 2000 would be more than it cost to build and install.

Grainne Hassett, one of the two Dublin-based architects behind the design, insisted that the clock "worked spectacularly well and looked fabulous". She added that the algal problems could be solved with more time and research. "We have had calls from all over the world about putting clocks into rivers, so maybe we will find a buyer."

## The families with courage at their heart

### Battle to raise funds and save children

By John Young

NATHAN BUTCHER, aged six, lay in the paediatric intensive care ward at Guy's Hospital after a heart bypass operation. His small body was draped and wired to a mass of medical equipment.

That was last Monday. Less than 72 hours later he was up, dressed, talking, laughing and attending school classes in another part of the building. Yesterday, his sister Katie, 4, came to visit. Barring a relapse, Nathan should be able to go home next week — his father, Chris, is keen to take him fishing.

Nathan, from Paddock Wood, Kent, was diagnosed at birth as suffering from aortic stenosis, a malfunction of the aortic valve. A heart murmur had been detected during pregnancy, and he was born six weeks early by Caesarean section.

Three weeks later, while he was still in hospital, he became breathless, and a small balloon was inserted into the valve and inflated to keep it open. Since then, according to his mother, Sally, he has led a normal, physically active life but, during a routine check-up earlier this year, a scan disclosed that he would soon need a more complex operation. "They decided to operate before he became ill," Mrs Butcher said yesterday.

Nathan's story exemplifies the astonishing progress of the Evelina Children's Hospital, the paediatric unit of the Guy's and St Thomas's Hospital Trust in southeast London, in treating heart complaints that only a few years ago would have been considered inoperable.

But the costs are high. Money is a constant problem and, at the very time when Nathan was on the operating table, doctors, nurses and parents of other children who have survived heart operations were gathered in a hospital courtyard to release a stream of red and blue balloons to publicise an appeal for funds.

Among them was Laura McCormack and her 16-month-old son, Conor, from



Beating the odds: Nathan Butcher, 6, lies in intensive care, with his mother Sally at his bedside. Three days later, he was up and about

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Woolwich, southeast London. Born a month early by Caesarean section, Conor has not had the easiest start in life, with a cleft palate and a club foot as well as his deformed heart. He suffers regular chest infections and has made several return visits. Given his handicap, he looks remarkably fit and happy. Mrs McCormack said: "When I

was first told about Conor's condition, it didn't really sink in until I saw the surgeon later. I was scared of giving birth because of the thought that he might not live, but we decided to go ahead."

Another patient, Andrew Kerry, was born just over a year ago. When his heart condition was detected by scan in the twentieth week of pregnancy, his parents Colin and Caroline Kerry felt devastated. Mr Kerry said: "I tried to find out as much as I could, which wasn't encouraging. The operation had not then been performed successfully."

"We were faced with three choices: abortion, going ahead with the birth but refusing surgery, or agreeing to the operation." They chose surgery, but Mrs Kerry said: "I think any choice would have been very difficult. If I had been a single mother, without the love and support

of a husband, I am sure it would have been very different."

Max Webb, aged six weeks, was back at Guy's with his parents, Kim and Martyn, and his older sister, Martha. Mrs Webb was tested during pregnancy for abnormal chromosomes in the foetus. She was given the all clear and was six months' pregnant before she learnt of her baby's heart condition.

She said: "He was kicking away in my stomach and already he seemed to be a personality in his own right. So we decided to let fate take its course. With six months gone and only three to go, we felt we should let him take his chance."

"Once a child is born, I don't think the third possibility, just letting it die, is ever really on. You just want to give it every chance and, my God, I'm glad we did."

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## Schoolboy stabs cyclist in back

A CYCLIST needed emergency surgery after being stabbed in the back by a schoolboy as he pedalled away from traffic lights. Matthew Pogson, 21, received a 6in wound in the unprovoked attack.

The stabbing came after two

boys, aged 13 or 14, taunted Mr Pogson, the father of a five-month-old son, when he stopped at lights in Portsmouth on his way home from work on Thursday evening.

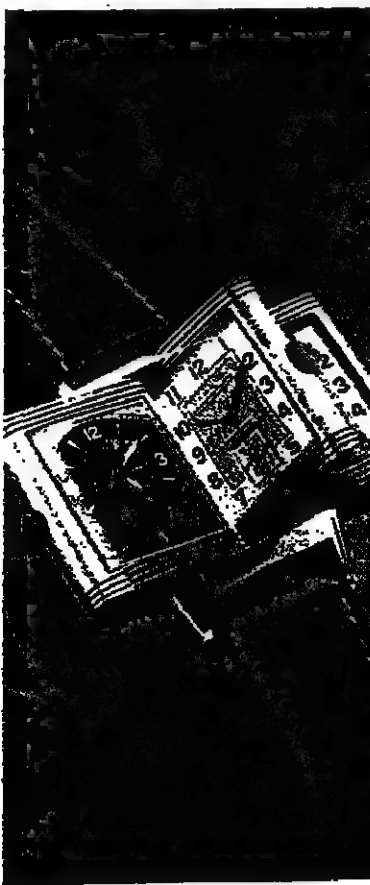
As Mr Pogson pulled away he heard one of the boys

chasing after him on foot. Within seconds the schoolboy had plunged the knife into his back.

Doctors told Mr Pogson he was lucky to be alive. Yesterday his condition was described as stable.

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## Coastline gems first to be protected by conservation funds

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE sea caves and seals of the Northumbrian coast, the dolphins of Cardigan Bay and the soft coral sea-fans off Devon are to be better protected, thanks to a big conservation grant from the European Commission.

Twelve coastal sites have become the first in Europe to get backing under the Commission's Life-Nature programme in recognition of the international importance of their wildlife. A network of marine and land-based areas, called Natura 2000 sites, are being designated across the Continent, of which these British ones will form part.

The funds — £2 million from the Commission, matched by £2 million from British nature agencies — will allow regional task forces to draw up action plans aimed at preserving the sites from threats such as development, fishing and pollution. They will also pay for the mapping of reefs, bays and estuaries, and the monitoring of rare plants such as soft corals.

Dr Derek Langslow, chief executive of English Nature, the Government's wildlife advisers, said: "This is a major boost for our marine conservation work within England and the United Kingdom. It will enable us to give the organisations that manage these

areas money to support conservation work, and it should ensure that such areas remain a source of inspiration for us and future generations."

In England, five sites called Special Areas of Conservation have won backing. The areas include the North Northumbrian Coast, noted for its sea caves, breeding population of grey seals on the Farne Islands, and Arctic species such as the wolf fish.

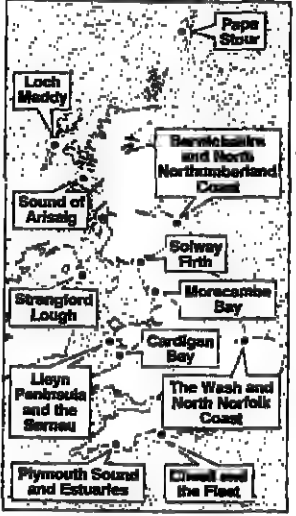
A management plan could help to create a better balance between the traditional interests of fishermen, who net migratory salmon, and the

needs of the seals. There are also conflicts between the interests of wildflower and water sports enthusiasts, and the needs of the birdlife.

Other sites in England include Morecambe Bay, and also the Wash and north Norfolk coast, which is noted for its common seal populations, waders and wildfowl, insect life and large expanse of unspoilt salt marshes. Another is the Plymouth Sound and related estuaries, noted for their submerged sandbanks and species such as the pinky-white sea fans that normally thrive in warm waters.

In Scotland, several sites — the Berwickshire coast, Loch Maddy, Papa Stour, the Solway Firth and the Sound of Arisaig — are to be given funding. In Northern Ireland, Stranorlar Lough, which is noted for its spectacular sheltered waters, has been picked.

In Wales, Cardigan Bay and its famous bottlenose dolphin population, the Lleyn Peninsula and the Sarnau special area of conservation, will also benefit from the funding. The latter is noted for Sarn Badrig, also known as St Patrick's Causeway. It is an example of moraine, a heap of glacial rubble left after the last ice Age, and is the only one in Britain.



## Medal for saving Monty found

By JOANNA BAILE

A BRAVERY medal awarded to a private who saved Viscount Montgomery of Alamein when he was a young lieutenant in the First World War has returned to his family 40 years after going missing.

Edward Darlow was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal after rescuing the injured Montgomery from a battlefield in France near the Belgian border. Mr Darlow's

grandson William, of Reading, Berkshire, paid £2,100 at auction — four times the guide price — to restore the medal to the family. It had disappeared after his grandfather's death in 1955, and its whereabouts were a mystery until last week, when it was sold anonymously in London.

Mr Darlow said: "I am proud of my grandfather and thought it important the medal was returned to our family. With the medal was a 1945

newspaper cutting describing how, after rescuing their badly-wounded commanding officer, Mr Darlow and a colleague returned under fire to the battlefield at Meteren.

Mr Darlow, who was 21 and serving with the 1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment, wrote: "Most of the officers and men were badly wounded. Lieutenant Montgomery was one of them and I recall placing him near my dying commanding officer."



Festival of lights: many people holding candles gathered for the lighting of the giant menorah in Union Square, San Francisco

## Rekindling the light of sustaining faith

Jonathan Sacks

Today is the second day of Hanukkah, the Jewish "festival of lights". For eight nights we light the menorah — a candelabrum similar to that which once burnt in the Temple in Jerusalem — beginning with a single candle and each night adding an extra light. It is a simple, light-hearted festival, but beneath its surface is a complex story of history and hope.

Hanukkah commemorates events more than 2,000 years ago, after the conquests of Alexander the Great. Israel came under Greek rule, first by the Ptolemies, then the Seleucids. Initially the Greeks dazzled with their military prowess, art and philosophy. But the Seleucid rulers, with some Jewish sympathisers, started to force the pace of cultural assimilation. Funds were diverted from the Temple. A statue of Zeus was erected in Jerusalem. Jewish observance was increasingly frowned on. In 167 BC a set of repressive decrees was issued,

in effect forbidding the practice of Jewish ritual. This was more than many Jews could bear, and it led to rebellion. A handful of pietists, clustered around the family of the priest Matthias Hasmon and his son Judah the Maccabee, began the fight for liberty. Vastly outnumbered, they suffered heavy initial casualties, but within three years they had scored a momentous victory. Jerusalem was restored to Jewish hands. The Temple was rededicated. Hanukkah, which means "dedication", was established as a festival to perpetuate the memory of those days.

The significance of Hanukkah, however, was not immediately apparent. At first it seemed to represent a story of military courage. Jews had fought against overwhelming odds and regained their freedom and political independence. That is how

the story is related in the First Book of Maccabees. There was, however, another narrative, altogether different in tone. This told of

how when the Maccabees entered the Temple they found a single undeffiled cruse of oil with which they were able to relight the Temple candelabrum. Miraculously, it burned for eight days instead of one, and it is this we recall when we light the menorah in our homes.

Some two centuries later the Jews of Israel faced another adversity: imperial Rome. This time, rebellion went disastrously wrong. The Temple was destroyed and Jerusalem laid waste. In the prevailing mood of despair there was a proposal to abolish Hanukkah. There seemed nothing left to celebrate.

It was then that the second story, of the cruse of oil, emerged as the

enduring religious symbol. It embodied the truth of which the prophet Zechariah spoke when he said: "Not by strength nor by might, but by my spirit, says the Lord."

Judaism could survive without power so long as it successfully rekindled the light of faith. Like the oil, the Jewish people would renew itself. Its light would not be extinguished. This faith sustained Jewry through some of the harshest trials faced by a people. It is why there are Jews today.

Hanukkah is less a tale of victory than a story of hope. The menorah stands for the strength, greater than ourselves, which at times of pain or persecution gives us the courage to continue. The Book of Proverbs calls the human spirit the "lamp of God". That is what we light on Hanukkah. The miracle is that in the intervening centuries it has never ceased to burn.

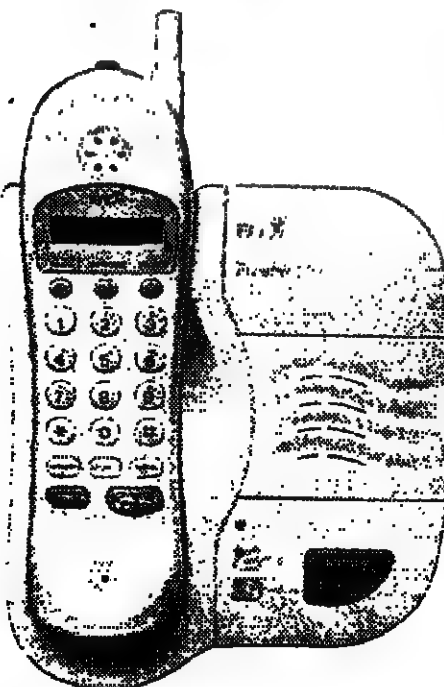
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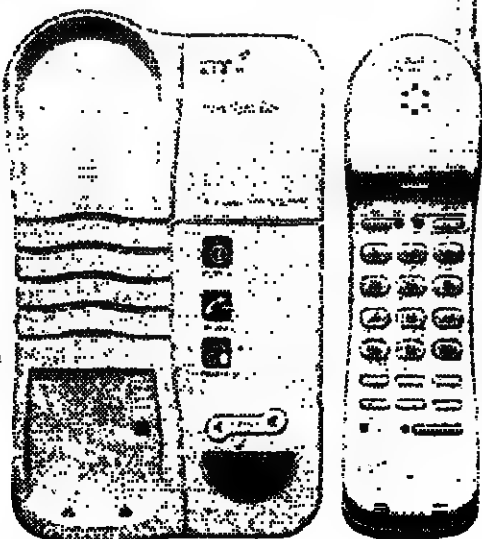
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# Heritage status for Hiroshima dome angers Americans

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

HIROSHIMA'S atom-bomb dome has been added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites, despite American objections.

A 21-nation committee established under the 1972 World Heritage Convention included the controversial memorial among 37 new sites designated at its annual meeting in Mérida, Mexico.

The new sites also include a 13th-century Cologne cathedral in Germany, a Gothic masterpiece damaged by Allied bombing during the war. The United States and Britain are no longer members of the Paris-based UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, which oversees

World Heritage sites, but they are among the 147 signatories of the convention under which the sites are chosen.

Washington complained about the selection of the ruined Ghibli Dome in Hiroshima, which lay directly beneath the epicentre of the first atomic bomb and dissociated itself from the decision.

"The United States is concerned about the lack of historical perspective in the nomination of the Genbaku Dome," a US statement said. "The events antecedent to the United States' use of atomic weapons to end the Second World War are the key to understanding the tragedy of Hiroshima."

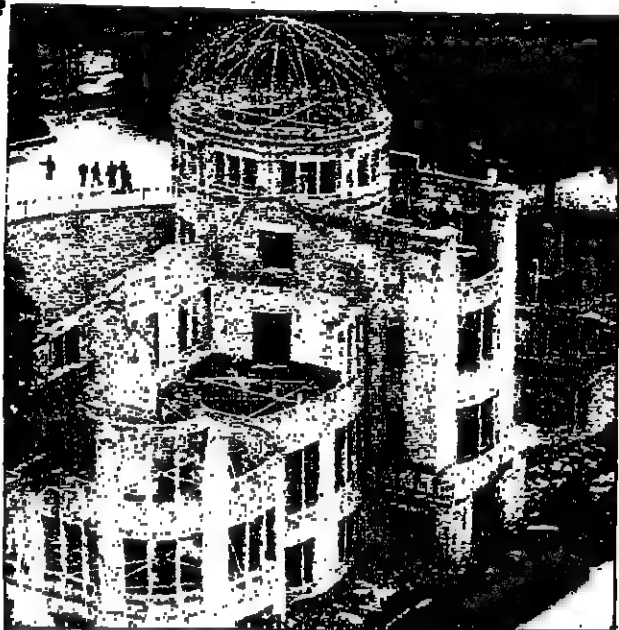
"Any examination of the period leading up to 1945 should be placed in the appropriate historical context," the statement said, adding that Washington considered the designation of war sites beyond the scope of UNESCO.

The dome, which now stands in the middle of a peace park in Hiroshima, was proposed by the Japanese Government. The only other Second World War site on the World Heritage list is the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz.

UNESCO officials said the Japanese memorial had been chosen as a "stark and powerful symbol of the achievement of world peace for more than half a century following the unleashing of the most destructive force ever created by mankind."

"The committee have been doing sites not just for what they stand for," said a UNESCO spokesman. "In the United States, for instance, the Statue of Liberty is there. It's not Michelangelo's David. It's what it stands for."

Although no new British locations were added this year, the United Kingdom has numerous World Heritage sites. They are the Giant's Causeway; Durham Castle and cathedral; the Ironbridge Gorge; Studley Royal Park; Stonehenge; the castles and town walls of King Edward in Gwynedd; St Kildara Island; Blenheim Palace; the city of Bath; Hadrian's Wall; Westminster Palace and Abbey; the Tower of London; Canterbury cathedral; and Edinburgh.



The atom-bomb dome, which is now in a peace park

## Pakistan poll law tests for honesty

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI

MOST Pakistani candidates could be barred from the coming parliamentary polls under tough new election laws.

The Representation of People law decreed by President Farooq Leghari requires candidates to be sagacious, righteous, non-profligate, honest and taxpayers. There are few among the country's presidents, generals or politicians who meet all the conditions. The elections are scheduled for February 3.

The law makes it compulsory for a candidate to declare family assets and income tax paid. Those who have not paid taxes, utility bills, or who have defaulted on loan repayments or had them written off, will be barred. False declarations will be punishable by five years' imprisonment.

Fakharuddin Ebrahim, the caretaker Law Minister, said a list of politicians who have defaulted on bank loans or had them written off would be supplied to the election commission.

The Government would also publish the candidates' declarations of assets. The minister said that those elected would have to declare their income and wealth every year to keep their seats.

Few of the politicians who have controlled Pakistan's political scene for the last five decades since the creation of the country have paid tax. President Leghari, one of the country's biggest landlords, does not pay any. A recent report revealed that many former MPs owed huge amounts to government-owned banks and financial institutions.



A mudslide sweeps through a construction site yesterday at the mountain village of Otari in Nagano, 125 miles northwest of Tokyo. Hundreds of police and firefighters sifted through tonnes of mud and snow searching for victims after two bodies were found.

## Mudslide in Japan kills 14

and another 12 people were reported missing. All 14 are thought to have died shortly after they were buried under

65ft of mud and rocks along the Kamaharawra river, a police spokesman said. An amateur video taken by one worker showed three surges of rocks and mud crashing through the valley and gushing through a concrete channel to the river below. (AP)

## WORLD SUMMARY

### Cult gas target 'to rival Iraq'

Tokyo: Shoko Asahara, leader of the doomsday Aum Shinrikyo cult and alleged mastermind of the nerve gas attack on the Tokyo underground, was possessed by an ambition to produce more nerve gas than Iraq, a former "disciple" told a court here yesterday (Robert Whyman writes).

Shigeo Sugimoto, the guru's chauffeur, said in evidence that Mr Asahara ordered him in July 1994 to take chemicals to the cult's headquarters where scientists belonging to the cult produced the gas sarin which was used in the attack in March last year.

### Southern India hit by cyclone

Machilipatnam, India: Heavy rain and 50 mph winds lashed India's southeast coast yesterday as an erratic tropical storm finally stopped circling around the Bay of Bengal and hit land, forcing thousands to flee. The storm — which at one point had winds of 125 mph — changed course again and struck at Sriharikota, where India's rockets and satellites are launched. (AP)

### Child sex inquiry head to resign

Sydney: Chris Hunt, the head of an inquiry into alleged paedophile activity in Australia's diplomatic service, has been ordered to stand down on the ground of perceived bias (Roger Maynard writes). The Federal Court ordered the action after it upheld an appeal from an officer in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

### False start for Olympic team

Johannesburg: Members of the International Olympic Committee's evaluation commission arrived in Cape Town to examine the city's bid to host the 2004 Olympics five hours late because a technical fault delayed the South African Airways jet from London (Ray Kennedy writes).

## Ghana's voters set to deliver verdict on socialist who embraced IMF

BY SAM KILEY  
AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

GHANA'S flamboyant leader, Jerry Rawlings, takes his country to the polls today in a democratic test which will be as much a referendum on the World Bank's economic advice in Africa as a challenge to his 14 years of leadership. President Rawlings, who recently

gave up his air force rank of flight lieutenant, is expected to win the presidential race, but his party, the National Democratic Congress, is likely to perform poorly against a coalition of opposition parties in voting for the national assembly.

Analysts forecast that the alliance of the New Patriotic Party and the People's Convention Party will win between 70 and 80 seats in the 200-

member parliament, making it one of the strongest legal oppositions in Africa.

Whether the alliance can win more seats will depend on how voters judge Ghana's economy. Although Mr Rawlings was drawn to socialism when he took power in a military coup in 1982, he soon imposed a harsh austerity programme — often seen as a blueprint

for World Bank and International Monetary Fund economic restructuring plans for other Third World countries. He freed Ghana's economy, cut government subsidies to ailing industries, and promised to slash the public-sector payroll.

Fourteen years later the country has a 30 per cent rate of inflation, which Accra's independent Centre for Economic Policy Analysis pre-

dicts will increase to 70 per cent. Foreign investment, which has increased under Mr Rawlings, is still only half what it was in 1975. Ghanaians last voted in 1992.

"The price for inflation is likely only to be felt after the elections. Then a strong opposition in parliament may seriously frustrate Mr Rawlings," a Western ambassador in Accra said yesterday.

John Kufour, a lawyer from the Ashanti region, will challenge Mr Rawlings for the presidency. He is backed by the New Patriotic Party but his running-mate, Kow Akaah, Mr Rawlings's former Vice-President, is more likely to capture the popular imagination, having accused the President of kneeling him in the groin on his last Cabinet appearance.

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# Bankruptcy looms as tide of scandal breaks over Miami

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

VIEWED from its splendid oceanfront setting, it is hard to comprehend how bankruptcy hangs over Miami City Hall.

Luxury pleasure boats fill the marinas and the city's wealthiest visitors sun themselves by the pools of the big hotels. But Miami is not what it seems. In the aftermath of a sordid civic scandal that saw the city manager, Miami's top administrator, arrested on bribery and corruption charges, local officials have uncovered a financial mess.

The city, which has an annual budget of about \$200 million (£122 million), is missing at least \$68 million, maybe more. It could face bankruptcy as early as March and its once strong bond rating has sunk to junk status.

On Tuesday Lawton Chiles, Governor of Florida, declared the city to be in a state of financial emergency. His action came after city council members refused to take unpopular measures to raise revenue and reduce spending.

A group of civic activists is calling for the city to be

abolished, allowing a takeover of its inefficiently run municipal services by the larger metropolitan authority of Dade County. Holiday operators fear that the scandal has put another dent in Miami's international image, already plagued by tourist murders and one of the worst crime rates in America, racial tensions and severe economic inequalities.

Instead of its glittering reputation for a five-star beach holiday, Miami looks more and more like a banana republic. What went wrong? Analysts point to a young city that got rich quick and outgrew its moral and financial ability to administer itself. City officials admit as much. "This is a classic story of what mismanagement and corruption will do to a city," said Joe Carollo, the city's Mayor, who was elected in July shortly before the crisis struck. "Before it is over, it will be a story that should be told to every municipal administrator so this will never happen again."

Bad as it is for the city's

image, tourism officials say that the crisis does not affect visitors to south Florida. Although the urban area of Miami has more than two million residents in two dozen small city districts, only 365,000 live within Miami's city limits.

Therein lies part of the problem. Despite a financial area of tall, flashy office buildings and a few wealthy waterfront districts, Miami is the fourth poorest city in the nation. A recent study found that 31.5 per cent of the city population is living in poverty. The luxury blocks of flats on Miami Beach, full of affluent retired people, lie outside its city limits. Critics say that Miami is a city so obsessed with its glamorous tourist image abroad that it has ignored its inner-city reality. "No one has been asking, how are we going to pay these bills, how are we going to make this work," Robert Joffe, a Miami political consultant, said. "No one is thinking about the poor shacks who have to live here."

## Clinton to tone down re-election festivities

BY TOM RHODES

PRESIDENT Clinton has developed a case of mild humility in planning for his second inauguration next month.

Instead of his triumphant arrival in 1993, Mr Clinton and his wife, Hillary, are expected to take an informal stroll down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House after he is sworn in as the first re-elected Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt.

The ceremonies, involving performances by Jesse Norman, Barbra Streisand and Miller Williams, the Arkansas poet and friend of the Clintons, will be modest compared with the \$33 million (£20.6 million) festival four years ago which embarrassed many Democrats.

Barry Triv, a White House official, said: "Mr Clinton is no longer a new President. He doesn't need an introduction, so to speak."

The event also coincides with Martin Luther King Day and the ceremony will reflect Mr Clinton's wish to portray himself as a President for both black and white America.

The inauguration will be reduced to three days including the traditional swearing-in on January 20, a date set in stone by the Constitution.

Mr Clinton has also been forced to swallow a certain amount of pride over his book, *Between Hope and History*, published in August. Little more than a compendium of the President's speeches, the volume appears to have been rather less popular with readers than he was with voters.

Publishers expect to have between 250,000 and 350,000 copies returned to them out of the 492,891 printed.



Chelsea Clinton during a dress rehearsal of the Washington Ballet's production of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* at George Mason University in Virginia.

## Colombian peasants killed by vigilantes

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

PARAMILITARY groups who are terrorising rural Colombia yesterday left the bullet-riddled bodies of at least 17 Andean peasants in ditches and fields around two villages in northern and central regions.

Locals in the northern coffee-growing village of Tolviejo, in the department of Sucre, woke at dawn to find relatives or friends among the 17 badly beaten bodies, which had been left in pits near rubbish dumps. Some had their hands tied behind their backs and "communist" written in blood on their chests.

Meanwhile villagers in the central mining district of Boyaca found the bodies of six bullet-riddled campesinos or farmers, dumped in the fields around their homes with handwritten messages saying: "We will kill rebel sympathisers."

Police said the killings were the work of vigilante groups which have proliferated in the past few months in remote rural areas. "All the evidence we have shows that these massacres are the work of the paramilitary groups who operate in the regions," said Enrique Ortega, commander of the police in Sucre. The police is the only force the public does not associate with human rights violations.

The paramilitaries, locally known as *grupos de auto-defensa*, or "self-defence squads", were first set up and armed by the military in 1991 to help in the fight against left-wing rebels of the FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia). A recent Human Rights Watch report said the military had received help from the CIA in setting up the paramilitary groups.

However, the vigilante groups, often made up of the former bodyguards of convicted drug-traffickers, are illegal. "They go around terrorising farming communities, accusing people of being left-wing rebels and performing public executions in village squares," said a Western diplomat in Bogotá.

Dozens of rival vigilante groups have sprouted in several areas, and human rights groups say they are responsible for the deaths of at least 2,000 civilians. The groups are often funded by rich businessmen in the coffee and mining districts who want to "cleanse" their areas of guerrilla activity.

"Landowners and big businessmen want to eradicate support for the rebels that exists in the poorer villages, they just go around killing and taking the law into their own hands," said the Western diplomat.



Miami's glittering image hides reality riddled with poverty and crime

## CIA chief vows to fight drugs and terrorism

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE last time Anthony Lake had a hand in covert surveillance his telephone were tapped after he resigned from Richard Nixon's Government in protest at the invasion of Cambodia.

Last night President Clinton's National Security Adviser was pondering his latest brush with American espionage as director-designate of the CIA, the sprawling and beleaguered headquarters of American intelligence which has become a political graveyard since the end of the Cold War. Mr Lake, 57, will become the fifth director in as many years, reflecting not merely the devastation to the agency by two highly placed moles but also its apparent inability to chart a suitable course since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The spy game has changed radically in recent years. The CIA station chief in Moscow, now presents his credentials to the Russian intelligence service just as Russia's man in Washington identifies himself at Langley, the American centre.

Dead-drop mailboxes have long been retired along with invisible ink and poison-tipped canes. Most importantly, in the words of a former director, the Soviet dragon has been replaced by a nest of highly poisonous snakes in terrorism, nuclear proliferation, ethnic conflicts and drugs trafficking.

"I firmly believe that, in the post-Cold War world, the role of the CIA is more important than ever in defending Americans against the threats of terrorism and the proliferation

of weapons of mass destruction," Mr Lake said on accepting the new post, "and in giving the President the unvarnished facts on which he can base wise decisions in a time of change and promise."

A product of the East Coast foreign policy elite who, after four years as National Security Adviser, can justifiably claim to know what the President wants in terms of intelligence, Mr Lake should be the director for whom the CIA has always yearned. Intent on collegiality in the national security team, he will certainly bring the intelligence community closer to its power base at the White House. Although soft-spoken and professorial, he is seen by colleagues as a determined bureaucratic infighter who

has always avoided the limelight.

But Mr Lake enters a CIA reeling from the aftermath of Aldrich Ames, the most damaging mole to work at the agency, and the recent discovery of Harold Nicholson, the most senior employee, to be charged with spying for a foreign power. Allegations of dirty tricks in Guatemala and claims among America's blacks that the CIA allowed Nicaraguan crack dealers to target poor areas in Los Angeles to ensure funds for the Contra movement, have only made matters worse.

Although relations between the CIA and the Pentagon improved under John Deutch, the current director, his outspokenness and over-arching ambition sealed his swift departure.



Lake: soft-spoken but determined infighter

## Primrose Hill girl sees Great Wall of China from bedroom

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## West Bank disputes delay plan for summit

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

URGENT efforts to arrange a meeting between Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Yasser Arafat, the head of the Palestinian Authority, to complete a deal on pulling Israeli forces out of Hebron ran into new problems last night.

Both leaders had separately expressed a willingness to meet, and negotiators from the Palestine Liberation Organisation had forecast that a three-way meeting involving the PLO, Israel and Egypt could take place in Cairo as early as tonight, under the chairmanship of President Mubarak.

Senior American officials are convinced that face-to-face talks between the two men, who last met at the emergency Washington summit in September, are needed to overcome the final obstacles preventing the long-delayed deal to pull Israeli forces out of 80 per cent of Hebron, where 450 Jews live amid 120,000 Palestinians.

Dennis Ross, the American special envoy to the Middle East who has been in charge of efforts to broker a Hebron accord, told reporters in Washington that final arrangements for a summit had not yet been completed. "The important thing is that they are talking about having a meeting," he said.

Yesterday Mr Netanyahu told his right-wing Cabinet: "The negotiations on the issue of Hebron have been exhausted and it is possible to conclude the problems that are left by a meeting at the political level as long as the

other side does not at the last moment raise new obstacles. The true question is whether the Palestinian side is interested in reaching a conclusion."

With tensions in Hebron running high as thousands of Israelis make plans to travel there to join Jewish settlers on Tuesday to mark the festival of Hanukkah, the PLO denounced the Israeli Government's suggestion that the deal was "almost" done and that the Palestinians were stalling.

"That 'almost' had hidden within it several important, cardinal points which are still not agreed upon," Ahmed Tibi, the senior adviser to Mr Arafat, told Israel radio. "There is a signed agreement and the entire world knows that Yasser Arafat will never change the agreement."

Another adviser to the Palestinian leader, Nabil Abu Rdainah, said: "President Arafat is ready to meet Prime Minister Netanyahu, but no time or date has been set."

After eight weeks of diplomatic haggling marked by repeated Israeli predictions of an imminent breakthrough, PLO officials said last night that outstanding issues included argument over Israel's claim of rights of "hot pursuit" into the Palestinian controlled sector of the holy city and the type of weapons to be carried by the Palestinian police.

Israel's extreme Right has been outraged by Mr Netanyahu's stated intention to honour the principle of the Hebron deal negotiated in 1995 by Yitzhak Rabin, his Labour predecessor.

## US to rate TV shows for sex and violence

FROM BRONWEN MADDOCK IN WASHINGTON

SEX and violence ratings will be slapped on American television programmes from next month to warn parents that the content may be unsuitable for children, according to plans hammered out by the television industry after months of tense talks.

The ratings, which will broadly follow the system used to classify new films, specify the appropriate age group of viewers.

However, there will be no sign of whether a programme earned its rating for sex, violence or bad language. Critics such as the American

Medical Association say that the system will not give parents enough information. They accuse the television industry of being afraid to label a programme as violent for fear that ratings will fall.

The move follows a new telecommunications law which will force television manufacturers to install programme-blocking devices known as "V-chips" in new sets to enable parents to screen out programmes with undesirable content.

The ratings will apply to all broadcast and cable television, except sport and news.



Tourists in a Californian redwood grove. "Salvage" logging removes dead timber

## Green foot-soldiers fight for giants of the forest

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN CARLOTTA, CALIFORNIA

SWINGING on the end of a climbing rope above the Golden Gate Bridge, the actor Woody Harrelson joined a posse of environmentalists last week in a bitter struggle to halt the destruction of some of the planet's tallest trees. Back on the ground after causing a four-hour traffic jam, he was promptly arrested.

It was the latest skirmish in a battle dividing much of California, with its front line 300 miles north of San Francisco in a camp of nature-lovers with names like Jay Bird and Laughing Coyote. Their mission is to save the world's last unprotected ancient redwoods from the chainsaw.

The campsite beside Grizzly Creek in Humboldt County is where the muddy foot-soldiers of Earth First gather each morning with mugs of muesli to plot the next phase of their duel with the Pacific Lumber Company. Towering Douglas fir trees dwarf the tents, but the redwoods over which the region is now feuding openly are another two hours into the backcountry by dirt road and trespassers' footpath. Here, from a carpet of ferns and wild

mushrooms, trees that were alive when Hannibal crossed the Alps over 2000 years ago grow taller than Big Ben. These are the only uncut redwoods left outside California's park system, which protects barely 4 per cent of the giant trees that once covered the coastal ranges. For all but the oldest of them, the sawmill beckons.

Two of six pristine redwood groves in Pacific Lumber's Headwaters Forest were saved recently by a controversial pact between the Government and the company's owner, the Texan financier Charles Hurwitz. But in and around the other four groves timber is being cut.

Details of the pact released yesterday show that Mr Hurwitz has been offered prime Californian property and 10,000 acres of less precious forest, worth \$300 million (£187.5 million) in all, in return for leaving 3,500 acres at Headwaters uncut.

Tracks have been cut into three of the unprotected groves for so-called "salvage logging", which removes only dead and dying timber. In the process it tears out the forest's

fragile life-support system, biologists say, and destroys the habitat of endangered species.

Grimly surveying the damage, "Goat", a guide from the Earth First camp, described dodging security guards on night runs to supply fellow protesters as they staged a two-week "tree sit" in a vain attempt to save this slope. "If we can't get people to care about the redwoods, we're lost," Goat said. Blockades have become routine in the Greens' showdown with loggers and the police. So has a degree of paranoia. "Loose lips sink ships", a sign at the camp says, adding that the payphone is bugged and details of forthcoming raids should be passed on "on a need-to-know basis only". More than 1,200 protesters have been arrested since September.

Mr Hurwitz has declined all interview requests, but did talk this year to a rabbi. Concerned by the rabbi's warning that grave sin was possible even within the letter of the law, Mr Hurwitz replied that sparing the redwoods, which fetch up to \$200,000 each, was "not good business".

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FROM ROGER MAYNARD  
IN SYDNEY

**The Singapore Airlines A340 Airbus was cruising at 30,000ft when it was buffeted by clear air turbulence which caused it to plunge 300ft in a few seconds. Dozens of pas-**

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**Starke, Florida:** John Mills, 41, was executed in the electric chair here for abducting a 30-year-old man from a mobile home, driving him to an abandoned airstrip and hitting him with a tyre lever before shooting him twice in the face with a shotgun. He then stole from the home. An accomplice, Michael Frederick, was sentenced to 347 years in prison. (AP)



**FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW**

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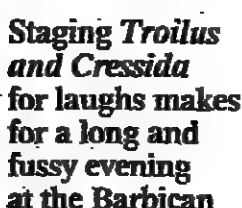
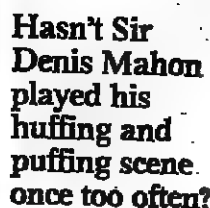


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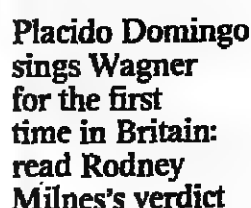






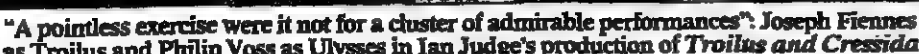


**Alec McCowen in Chekhov, and the weekend's other top shows, surveyed in The Directory**



And so to this week's events, Out has come the trumpet-call again. Mr. and Mahon once more has been Master's Government begging for money. Part of it, he hopes that Mrs. Bottomley will tell Mahon exactly where he can stick his precious Guernicos. After all, it is mad that the mere ownership of a tasty art collection should apparently give somebody the clout to change government policy eight times in 25 years.

But the other part of me wishes this wily old bird several more decades of rude health and even ruder in-laws. For the good of the British Empire, after all, he has proved one thing: politicians cannot be as philistine as we thought. Not if five Prime Ministers in succession turn cartwheels to get their hands on a load of paintings by artists of whom they have barely heard.



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The Georgian rules of our most venerable artistic institution make it too amateurish for the big league, says Richard Morrison

## Royal Academicians in distress

The financial crisis that blew up in the faces of the Royal Academy's membership yesterday was sudden but gruesomely predictable. The allegations of financial irregularities, of "borrowing" from the pension fund, of mysterious gaps in the annual accounts, are worrying enough. This is a 228-year-old institution with a list of benefactors headed by the Queen, where some of Britain's most eminent painters, sculptors and architects are the members, and where the honorary fellows include just about every famous cultural figure in the land.

But even if the accusations prove to be temporary blemishes that are already being erased — as the RA was claiming yesterday — there are other huge problems inherent in the very structure of the venerable institution in Piccadilly. As with the British Museum, which was recently revealed to have not a single qualified accountant among its staff of nearly 1,200, the RA gives the impression of being governed

by a group of well-intentioned but elderly and unworried people who have never learnt about survival in the current cut-throat arts world. It is effectively now two institutions in one. First, it is a grandly appointed club for artists, deeply conscious of an illustrious tradition stretching back to Sir Joshua Reynolds; and secondly it is a venue for international shows. The academicians' historic mission to maintain artistic standards and lead public taste has long been undermined by the annual, depressing reality of the mediocre paintings usually produced for the now notorious (but still money-spinning) Summer Exhibition.

In the past two decades, however, under the often inspired leadership of its exhibitions secretary, Norman Rosenthal, the RA has made

huge efforts to compete in the "blockbuster" field. When these succeeded, as with the ground-breaking *Genius of Venice* exhibition or the always-popular shows of Impressionists, they won critical acclaim, generous sponsorship and huge crowds. Financed entirely by private means, for the RA receives no public funds, these shows achieved what the lavishly subsidised British galleries often could not: they brought the RA into a "magic circle" of top international galleries, which were willing to share the cost, as well as enjoying the prestige of mounting crowd-pulling displays. Rosenthal, who is married to a senior figure at the Prado Museum in Madrid, was the ideal man to oversee this high-profile, high-risk operation.

But when they failed, commercially if not artistically, such shows left ominous holes in the RA's finances. An exhibition of 20th-century American art ran to a £600,000 deficit. Half a million people were expected for last year's gigantic Africa exhibition: only half that number turned up. Given that this single show cost £1.5 million to mount, one can quickly see how a £3 million deficit could build up. These big international exhibitions also depend on equally big sponsors, especially when the host organisation has no public subsidy. But in Britain corporate arts sponsorship, on which so many hopes were pinned in the early 1980s, has declined alarmingly. And in London — with its two opera houses, nine or ten great museums and four symphony orchestras — the

competition for big-company sponsorship is hot. At one time the RA seemed to be doing well. But a recent spate of shows "failing to happen", combined with the generally disappointing impression left by the exhibitions that did, suggests that it has now fallen behind in the dash for cash. And as Britain's major arts institutions tussle for the £1 billion or so of "matching" private funding that the Government requires to make their lottery projects viable, the pressure to find donors becomes ever greater.

So where does the Academy go from here? The answer is surely that it must decide what its function is to be in the 21st century, and then cut its cloth, or possibly its staff, accordingly. As with many of Britain's big cultural organisations, the past two decades at the RA have been expansionist in spirit. Not only have there been ambitious exhibitions and building projects (the Sackler Galleries and the plan for the RA to take over the nearby Museum of Mankind), but also such unsung but laudable programmes as the "Outreach" project to encourage good teaching of the visual arts in schools. If it is to continue down this road, the Academy must put in place a management that is utterly professional from top to toe. (Again, the parallel with the British Museum is uncanny.) That may mean the end of a governing body whose rules are still essentially those laid down by George III. Most of the executives now in day-to-day control of the RA — led by the new secretary, David Gor-

Is literary London really so full of spite? Derwent May doubts it

## Confessions of a reviewer

One day in March a few years ago, when I was literary editor of *The Listener* and preparing my first special books number of the year, I went up to Oxford. On a back wall of All Souls I saw a big painted slogan: "No to Spring Books". I soon realised that it was in fact an anti-apartheid slogan. "No to Spring-books", but it was a nasty moment. However, the slogan I thought I saw might well have been daubed there by Amanda Craig, who has written a novel, *A Vicious Circle*, which has this week been hailed as a work of genius by A.N. Wilson, the novelist and literary editor of the *Evening Standard*. It consists mainly of a ferocious attack on the world of book reviewers.

Two of its main characters are young literary journalists, who are supposed to be representative figures, and who recognise in themselves and others only two motives — the currying of favour and the instilling of fear. A third character is a waitress who teaches herself to become a vicious reviewer out of revenge when she is ditched by a literary journalist, and is so carried away that her review destroys a novel by her best friend.

Any concern for truth and justice is utterly invisible in this portrait of the literary world. In fact, one reviewer, David Sexton, thought he had been caricatured in the novel and objected, and Miss Craig was compelled to rewrite part of the book and to change publishers. Miss Craig's picture does not show the literary world as I know it. When R.H.S. Crossman was Editor of the *New Statesman* and wanted a trivial book reviewed for his own political purposes, I remember his literary editor resting until Crossman cried out in exasperation: "The trouble with you literary editors is that you're all virgins!" Arthur Crook, when he edited *The Times Literary Supplement* in the days of anonymous reviewing, used to make sure he knew all about the love affairs and rivalries of his contributors, in order to keep spite and log-rolling out of his pages. "I went to publishers' parties just to find out who hated each other," he told me. (Of course, it made quite an enjoyable life for him.)

Rather different matters worry literary editors, such as finding people who can write a genuinely good novel review. That is not as easy as Miss Craig makes it sound. Novel reviews generally have to be done in a very restricted number of words. You have to tell the reader some of the plot, or your comments hang in mid-air. But once you tell

the plot, you have no space left for anything else. So somehow you have to weave your judgments into your précis of the story. It is worse than writing a haiku — it is like writing a bonnet haiku. There are also unexpected problems. I once failed to persuade Hugh Trevor-Roper to review any of a large number of history books, because at the time, he said, he could not "read anything except the most beautiful prose". Very reasonable, I thought; but I had to find another good reviewer. Of course, there is a lot of fierce reviewing in newspapers, but that is not in itself in any way discreditable. David Sexton himself would not deny that he is a fierce reviewer, but his criticisms proceed from a clear set of values: a love of the subtle and truthful, a hatred of pretension and sentimentality. He need not even have protested, in my view, because his writing speaks for itself. Some of the best reviewing is found when two whole schools of taste come into conflict, with figures such as Alexander Pope or F.R. Leavis hovering above like Baroque gods of the battlefield.

Prospective authors should not be daunted by Miss Craig's vision of the world into which their books will be launched. London offers an incomparably wide range of commentary on new books. A notable book may receive 11 thoughtful reviews over one long weekend, in the five daily broadsheets, the four Sunday broadsheets, the *Speculator* — and, yes, the *Evening Standard*, although Andrew Wilson's ecstatic review of Miss Craig's novel suggests he has strange doubts about his own books pages. Then there is the broad hinterland of the *TLS*, the *London Review of Books*, the *New Statesman*, numerous other weeklies and the middle-market and regional press. A very substantial slewing of books goes on in Britain.

Slackness and preoccupation with their own writing, rather than venality, is most often the temptation of literary editors. I recently heard of one literary editor of *The Spectator* who was also a poet and who rang up a writer urgently asking him to review a book that he had already written about in the *Spectator* three weeks before. Early in his career, nearly every literary editor gives a book out of kindness to some pleading freelance, only to find he cannot print the man's review and has made him even more miserable than he was before. Then another hopeful face looks round his office door, and he falls into the trap again.

## The simple art of lunching

It was about one o'clock in the afternoon when the PM's long goodbye began...

There's some days on the Street that it seems things can't get no better. The sky can't get no bluer and the sun no brighter. You go into Schmilers and you say, "Schmilers, can you remember a day when the powers-that-be stuffed their privates so completely in the salami slicer?" And Schmilers says, "Nope. And they're turning the handle like a Riga organ-grinder." He pours me a Daniels. "So how you see it unfolding?" he asks.

Now this is a no-two-bit Chicago sting. This is a class operation. Park Lane, the real McCoy. For reasons not immediately apparent, the Corporation wants the frighteners on John Major. It decides to get his sidekick the Chancellor to spit beans on him. The Corporation boss is owner of a Nottingham Hill speakeasy, but he has his eye on a Mayfair place called Nico at 90. He tells the boys always to eat there, so they pick it as their venue. This is despite it being home to the most expensive schmoozers in town. How Nico has the sphericals to charge a hundred bucks for a plate of gnocchi beats me. The boss has a moaner called Fingers Birt who forks out the dough like the stuff is ants in his pants.

This is how it is. The guys stake out the joint. Oakley will take the table by the window. Frank "Free Lunch" Dobson is with him and will be crucial in the drama. Two young guys, Soppel and Mareld, are given their big break. They must get the property into Nico's, onto a banquet line-of-sight with Dobson, and pour wine down him till he spills the story. This may not be easy. I can remember a time on the Street when chancellors would no more lunch with reporters than they would risk a night in a Reno brothel.

I tell you, two bottles of Nico's best Barolo and the guys can't get the property to shut up. He says Major is rattling on him. He may resign. Then he blunts some crap about loaded booterangs with high explosives and a guy named Mawhinney with kids and scooters on the lawn. These guys are momma's boys and don't like this kind of talk.

Next day Soppel does the usual thank you for the Chancellor having honoured him with lunch. He slides the blade into Major with a "Friends of the Chancellor" hit



Show of unity at the Tory conference in October; but the Downing Street neighbours have fallen out after one briefing too many

back at the Prime Minister today. "There are the usual denials and a few greenhorns choke on their toothpicks at Soppel hitting paydirt like this. Then comes the sting. Dobson rings his mob and declares it was not 'friends of the Chancellor' at all. It was the living, breathing real thing. The denials are a fraud. He saw it all at Nico's that day, may God, Oakley and half the damned British Broadcasting Corporation be his witness. This gets Soppel off what we professionals call an ethical hook. He cannot tell a lie, he says. It was me, and Mareld and the aforesaid property in person. You could hear the explosion right across town.

The property denies it again. He swears he'll always be Major's buddy like there was a gun in his neck. He and the Irish guy Mawhinney go down to Lenny the Lawyer and get an affidavit that they have been courting since they shared wet nukes back in '42. What a week for the boys. The fact is the whole sting has gone smoother than a blonde on Sunset Strip. We reckon the property is shortly for a walk off London Bridge with concrete boots. This is sad since the guys admired his way with pollo cacciatore. As for Major, the horse manure has hit the punkah. His mob is in uproar and wants blood. The boss is so pleased he may make Nico the Corporation's canteen manager. This is odd since he's that already.

I feel genuinely sorry for John Major. He is vulnerable to every accident. Last April he reached an agreement with his two most powerful ministers on a form of words about Europe that would carry the Tories through the

### Simon Jenkins

next election. This was the now-famous "wait and see" how talks turn out" policy. It was confirmed by the full Cabinet and set before the party conference at Bournemouth last October.

The conference agreed. It not only agreed, but gave standing ovations to the Chancellor and Foreign Secretary when they repeated the line. "Wait and see" appeared to be a policy on which the divided party could stand either united or at best silent. The electorate did not rate Europe as an especially important issue. It was time for the smack of firm compromise. If anyone did not like it, they could leave. David Heathcoat-Amory was the only minister to take up the offer.

Politics never stays still. One day's certainty is tomorrow's pious hope, and the next day seems wholly implausible. For the parliamentary Conservative Party, a "wait and see" policy on the single currency is becoming wholly implausible. Even Tony Marlow, the eccentric Member for Northampton, sounds ominously reasonable in asking how a party can go into an election saying it has no view on a matter that has been debated ad nauseam. The promise of a later referendum is not enough.

By last month, a growing number of Mr Major's colleagues felt that "wait and see" was unlikely to

last until April. The pressure was great. Should it be revised or killed off? This was the question that Mr Major asked his friends and others two weeks ago. His aides let it be known that he might change "wait and see" to "not in the coming Parliament", or even to personal opposition. There was a flurry of covert briefing. Downing Street cannot deny this. I heard it with my own ears and from many sources. The story broke in Monday's *Daily Telegraph*.

I was amazed. Surely this was wobble just when steadiness was most needed. It would also undermine the April agreement. The gauntlet thrown down to Mr Major's two heavyweight colleagues was blatant. Mr Heseltine and Mr Clarke had often been bloodied in battle under Mr Major, but they carried their lances to the end. They were masters of the "friend", the intermediary, the call to the editor, the after-hours drink, the precision lunch. To both of them the April deal was sacrosanct. It sealed their backing for Mr Major during last year's leadership crisis. Certainly he was under pressure from the ranks to end "wait and see". He should resist such pressure.

Had the briefing remained covert, I suppose the operation could have been quietly concluded. Mr Major privately mooted a change. Mr Clarke and Mr Heseltine said no. Mr Major admitted defeat in the Commons on Tuesday. A serious question would have been asked and answered within the confines of the club. The privacy of British political reporting would have performed its proxy for open democracy. Behind an arras of mendacity, a debate would have been held and resolved.

The arras was torn aside chez Nico. Revealed was a senior minister threatening his boss and abusing his party chairman to two reporters, in the sight if not the hearing of witnesses. He thought he was protected by "lobby rules", which have become a licence to badmouth colleagues without fear of attribution and thus retribution. Revealed too were reporters giving the public what they knew to be a distorted story and only coming clean when their cover was blown. As for the source of the *Daily Telegraph's* revelation of Mr Major's wobble, it remains wholly obscure. Readers and listeners should assume that the phrase "friends of" is lobbyistpeak for the person himself.

Mr Major may have become a political Houdini, of Wilsonian longevity, but as I write this I cannot see his way out of this predicament. His Commons majority has now effectively gone. He surely cannot keep his two senior colleagues with him and meet the antagonism to the "wait and see" policy, that is welling up in the Conservative Party. Perhaps Christmas will come to his aid. Perhaps a war or a sex scandal or a royal marriage will miraculously appear between him and fate's cascading avalanche.

At least for the time being, he might adhere to a humble principle of his predecessors. All communication between the Cabinet and the media should be left to qualified government press officers. They may have their limitations. They may not feed public frenzy on radio as Cabinet ministers seem to do. But they could not land the Government in a worse mess than ministerial do-it-yourself. Nor do they eat at Nico's.

## By a whisker

ALARMING NEWS has come in from the island of Syml, the Dodecanese jewel renowned for its Greek sponges, where Tony Banks, Labour's forthright Member for Newham North West enjoys his summer holidays.

Banks, animal lover and vice-president of the Cats Protection



Banks: the animal's friend

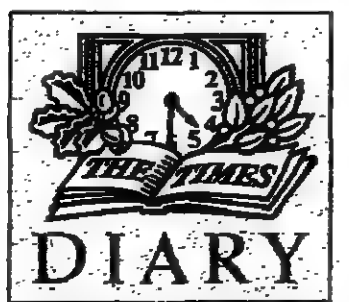
League, has been sponsoring an elderly tom on the island. He gives money to one of the locals to feed and care him, and has spent a couple of hundred pounds on the beast over the years.

But on the island, they say the old tom has been killed by local authorities in a recent cull of cats. In the past, the officials have conducted neutering programmes to curb the cat population, but Banks was unaware of his cat's fate and he is investigating.

"He was always a rather pleasant old tom," said Banks yesterday, "well endowed with a snub nose — just like an MP I could name. The Greek authorities have become more aware of the sensitivity of our attitudes to cats, so I hope the reports are untrue."

Banks does concede, however, that the local chap he's been paying to look after moggie might not be spending all the cash in the desired manner. "I have noticed that, ever since I started giving him the money, his ousas have been larger."

Earlier this year, Euro-sceptic Tories formed a new pressure group which they named *Café*



Society, an acronym for Conservatives Against a Federal Europe. In response, the rebels may soon face opposition from a body of Conservative Europhiles, considering establishing Pro-European Union Brits, or Pub.

### Team player

FORGET the rows over the single currency. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor at the hub of the Government's most recent fiasco, has more important things to worry about. Nottingham Forest, his local football club, is languishing at the bottom of the Premiership. "There is quite enough talent for them to be much higher up the table," he ventures in the *Nottingham Evening Post*. Clarke admits to being "very worried" by Forest's performance.

and says that pressure of work has forced him to miss most recent matches. The few he has seen this season have been even worse than the Government's performance.

"I went to West Ham by getting myself paired with an Opposition MP. They were slaughtered," he said. He believes that the manager Frank Clark can lift the side, but he remains the thrifty Chancellor, down to his Hush Puppy laces, and rules out spending on transfer fees: "I don't think you should assume that an injection of money solves everyone's problems."

Rehearsals are all the sadder among the blue-roses of the Bach Choir after the announcement that the Duchess of Kent is suffering from ME. She is a veteran of the choir, taking part in almost all their concerts. Sir David Willcocks, the 76-year-old musical director, suggests that the Duchess should continue the warbling. "I'm not a medical man, but music can be greatly uplifting to the soul."

### No entree

ANGRY voices upset the whispering calm of Wilton's restaurant in Jermyn Street earlier this week as Lord Gowrie found himself denied his usual table. He had come in with two young women on his arm,

only to be told that there had been a confusion over his booking. Not used to such treatment, Gowrie began to make a scene at the bar. Eventually, the furious peer left without his lunch.

Plácido Domingo's Covent Garden debut in a Wagner opera last night was not without its problems for the Royal Opera. As Siegmund in *Die Walküre*, he needed a car-star after Anne Evans pulled out on doctors' orders from playing Siegmund. Experienced Wagnerian Nadine Secunde was approached



"I wish to report my neighbours for making a nuisance"

and signed up, according to some sources. Covent Garden denies that she was ruled out by Plácido, claiming that she was too busy. Whatever the case, the American Karen Huffstodt stepped in ably.

### All out

MORE TROUBLE for England's beleaguered cricket side in Mashonaland. John Emburey, the assistant coach, has withdrawn his hyperbolic assertion on Radio 4 yesterday that *The Times* reporter Simon Wilde was an hour late and missed the highlights of England's pathetic performance — which was taken as a suggestion that Wilde's critical report was unreliable.

"It was an exaggeration and an off-the-cuff remark. I've since spoken with the reporter concerned about it. I understand that he was in fact five minutes late." Wilde was tardy because the lifts in his hotel were not working, and he was less than impressed with Emburey's bouncer, which caused him domestic strife — the first person to phone him was his wife. "Where have you been?" she demanded.

### QED

CHRISTMAS has been looking difficult for Jessica Lange, the



Lange: West End debut

award-winning American actress who makes her debut on the West End stage later this month at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

Since the press night is on December 30, she thought she would spend Christmas in London with her two children and their father, the writer and actor Sam Shepard. Shepard, however, refuses to fly. "So he's coming over slowly on the QE2," says a friend. "He'll get to Southampton just in time for Christmas."

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## DOWN AMONG THE TORIES

Anger, gloom and barely a glimmer of seasonal cheer

In these last days before election year, the Tory party presents a cracked and crumbling face to the nation. Yesterday Sir John Gort marked a further step on the march towards minority government at Westminster. But Sir John is merely one among many, one day's representative of the disappointed, the frustrated, the distrustful and the self-seeking, who fill the Conservative ranks. Tomorrow's spotlight will easily find a different MP, one driven mad by Downing Street doubts on Europe, anxious for old battles on VAT or simply keen to see his or her name in a headline.

The cold season of discontent has come early. This is not predominantly an outside threat, like the one that James Callaghan faced from the unions. This discontent is deepest on Mr Major's own benches, round his own Cabinet table, among his own activists. The governing party has become a collapsing party.

It need not have been thus. Mr Major enraged his MPs by refusing to allow them a debate on a single currency; he was then rescued by his Chancellor, who found in Budget week that he was doubly invaluable to his leader. Mystery still surrounds the next stumbling step. If the Prime Minister or his aides deliberately planted the story in Monday's *Daily Telegraph* that he wanted to rule out joining a single currency during the next Parliament, this was "kite-flying" of unparalleled folly. One gust of wind tore the string from his hands. If the *Telegraph* story occurred through the confusion or credulity of journalists, Mr Major should have tackled Kenneth Clarke before Kenneth Clarke tackled him.

The Prime Minister could have regained control. He could have reiterated the "wait and see" policy for now, while refusing to answer hypothetical questions about the future. Instead he allowed a result which simultaneously both drew attention to his weakness and infuriated the majority of his MPs and party workers. Mr Major is left once more in search of new escape routes.

The convergence criteria for EMU still constitute a possible exit. Kenneth Clarke

has said twice recently that he would not want to join a single currency whose other members had fudged their economic figures. Since fudge is all that we can expect from the Euro-negotiators, Chancellor Clarke ought reasonably to be persuaded, between now and polling day, that Britain should stay out for now on economic grounds.

If no change can be achieved, Mr Major will go into an election — which may now be sooner than he wants — with an equivocal policy at the top and anarchy below. MPs are vigorously planning freelance political careers, making up their own mini-manifestos so that their election addresses include a commitment to vote against Britain joining EMU. There is even the prospect of some ministers taking such a step. The election would then risk looking like the "soldier's battle" at Inkerman, when the fog was so dense, the command so calamitous and the cry of each infantryman was of every man for himself.

And that would now be a "good" outcome for Mr Major. Under a "bad" outcome, Cabinet right-wingers, furious that Mr Clarke and Michael Heseltine have been able to blackmail the Prime Minister, will ask why this small minority should have a free run. These sceptics may even threaten to resign themselves if they are not allowed a vote in Cabinet on whether to rule out joining the single currency. The fatal split, so often predicted for after the election, could yet happen before.

Luckily for Mr Major, Christmas is coming and there are no important votes in the Commons until the New Year. By January, though, the Ulster Unionist leaders will be looking more carefully at their calendars. They may continue to support the Government in the hope that a Tory recovery could deliver them their yearned-for hung Parliament. On this week's record, however, they may believe that a Labour majority is a certainty. If so, they could now win credit for delivering the general election that Labour wants to fight while its opponents are down.

## WHEN IN ROME

Carey's visit may have been more valuable than it appeared

At first glance the Archbishop of Canterbury made very little progress in his first official visit to the Vatican this week. Although Pope John Paul II received his guest with appropriate courtesy and all due pomp, he adopted a somewhat uncompromising tone. He stressed his unique role and special obligation as "the successor of St Peter" to pronounce on all doctrinal questions. While His Holiness acknowledged a "new spirit of co-operation" between members of the two faiths, he also took the chance offered by their "common declaration" to denounce the ordination of women priests as the chief obstacle to further ecumenicalism.

This trip, however, had wider objectives than surviving formal meetings with the Pope. When he arrived in Rome four years ago on a private tour, Dr Carey, then fresh in office and barely familiar with his own post, arrived with a small entourage and very limited ambitions. His impact was tarnished in advance by his own rather undiplomatic remarks about the papal position on birth control.

By contrast, on this occasion he has been surrounded by what may be the most high-calibre delegation ever led abroad by an Archbishop of Canterbury. That team has engaged in intensive discussions with the wider hierarchy of the Vatican. Deliberations between the two Churches have rarely been more intensive. Although conducted away from the public glare, such ties will come into their own if a future Pope wanted to initiate a more accommodating relationship with Anglicans. That pontiff might well be Carlo Maria Martini, Archbishop of Milan, with whom Dr Carey held convivial

talks yesterday. Their dialogue reflects the Church of England's objective of broadening contacts with the Roman Catholic Church rather than concentrating exclusively on the personal chemistry between the respective spiritual leaders. Any rewards for these efforts will not come for some time.

There are also clear limits to the progress that can be made towards unity between the Anglican and Roman Catholic traditions. The differences between the two in both theological terms and in church governance are substantial. The ordination of women may reinforce those distinctions but it did not create them. Even in the implausible circumstance that the Church of England reversed its stand on the female priesthood, reunification with Rome would not follow. That reality was acknowledged by the Porvoo Agreement with Lutherans last month.

None of this suggests that the Archbishop's efforts are futile. Ecumenicalism is about moving Christians closer together and enhancing mutual understanding, not necessarily preparing for merger. The separate and distinctive features of Anglicanism and Roman Catholicism, if recognised and respected, can be a force that strengthens God's word. The "common declaration" issued by Archbishop Carey and the Pope encourages their followers that "whenever they are able to give united witness to the Gospel they must do so, for our divisions obscure the Gospel message of reconciliation and hope." Jesus sought one universal Church but not necessarily a uniform institution. The prospect for that co-operation has been quietly enhanced by Dr Carey.

## THE MASHONALAND QUESTION

Four Whitehall ways to look at a seven-wicket defeat

PM/Mash./Ather./Classified/7.xi.96). You have asked, Prime Minister, for a full and urgent report on the Mashonaland Question, namely the England cricket team's recent seven-wicket defeat at the hands of that distant region's eleven. Please find attached a list of our observations.

1. Reach for *The Times Atlas*. Mashonaland is the northern half of Zimbabwe, formerly Rhodesia, bordered on the east by the Portuguese-speaking land of Mozambique. It is watered by the rivers Umfolozi and Umfolozi, and is 109,232 square kilometres in size. (Footnote: although instructive on geography, this approach sheds little light on England's mortifying debacle.)

2. Look on what is vulgarly called "the bright side". The Mashonaland cricket team is the best in Zimbabwe (which has a two-team national cricket championship). A loss to them is, arguably, not quite the disaster that some of the more overheated cricket correspondents are saying it is. It is not as if Michael Atherton's men have lost to Matabeleland (refer to aforementioned atlas for more). Now that, truly, would be time once more. Now that, truly, would be time to deploy our emergency bowling machine.

3. Adopt a Machiavellian approach for the next tour. Since Mashonaland's main players are all tobacco farmers, make sure that England's next visit is smack in the middle of Zimbabwe's tobacco harvest. We would

then face a substitute team composed mainly of chicken farmers and maize-growers, which, we are informed by our High Commission in Harare (formerly Salisbury), would be a much less daunting task for our men in white flannels. (Talking point: Zimbabwe's tobacco is rather good because its seedlings are thinly mulched and germinated outdoors in cold frames.)

4. Send a prime ministerial rocket to Mr Atherton (forgetting for the moment that you sympathise with his beleaguered position, and that you share with him a talent for weaving tapestries of crisis from the barest threads). "England are still a bit rusty," said Mr Atherton after the defeat. We think that he should be told that this is poppycock. Whereas that may once have served as a genuine excuse for our sepiatinted teams of old, which sauntered for months in steamships to tours in distant parts, modern cricketers must not be allowed to invoke such arguments. Have they not heard of "pre-season training"? Even our political parties engage in that, with their "pre-season" conferences in seaside places.

Mr Atherton has a poor attitude. You must tell him so, with the full face of your prime ministerial bat. This is much more important than EMU, so please do not mince words as you usually do. (End memo).

## Homosexuality as a political issue

From Sir Ian McKellen

Sir, In his latest outburst against homosexuals, Dr Adrian Rogers, prospective parliamentary candidate in Exeter (letter, December 4), has three odd ideas. He implies that we gays are unfitted to be Members of Parliament. He "regrets deeply" open discussion about sexuality amongst the young (what he terms "the campaign to deceive a generation of young people that homosexuality is normal"). And he would certainly suppress any "display" of homosexuality.

What has he to complain of? Only two Members of the Commons say that they are gay. Section 28 of the 1988 Local Government Act discourages state school teachers from educating their pupils in this matter. Declaring (and thereby "displaying") one's homosexuality can be legal grounds for dismissal from employment in the United Kingdom.

Dr Rogers is not the first Christian to confuse a personal concept of sin with public criminal law. Yet, with harsh laws on his side, as well as the ancient bias of his religion, why does he feel he is the one person who is prepared to speak publicly for "a silent and cowed majority"?

With such a whiff of paranoia in the election air, perhaps it is not, after all, Dr Rogers' gay rival at the polls who is unfitted to be Member of Parliament for Exeter.

Yours ever,  
IAN MCKELLEN,  
c/o ICM, Oxford House,  
76 Oxford Street, W1,  
December 4.

From Mr Michael Grandage

Sir, Dr Adrian Rogers writes that he would suppress any "display" of homosexuality.

A doctor who is also a Christian might be expected to understand that a lifetime of lying about one's sexuality is bad for the health and for the spirit.

A prospective parliamentary candidate might also realise that it is bad for the nation's life, in that honesty becomes a victim of discrimination and prejudice.

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL GRANDAGE,  
3 Brewster Road, E10,  
December 4.

From the Executive Director of Stonewall

Sir, Dr Rogers is entitled to his views, however distasteful or indeed peculiar. But he goes too far when he claims that he is "far more tolerant of other persons' views than the homosexual lobby is" of people like himself.

No one is calling for Dr Rogers to be criminalised for airing his views. But he himself said, only last month in an interview on Radio 5, that if he had his way "there would be no gay clubs, no book shops, no contact organisations. They would be proscribed by law."

Yours sincerely,  
ANGELA MASON,  
Executive Director, Stonewall,  
16 Clerkenwell Close, EC1,  
December 4.

From the President of the Exeter Conservative Association

Sir, Dr Rogers was adopted as our prospective parliamentary candidate by a democratic meeting, open to all Exeter Conservative Association members. He was selected in the full knowledge of all his opinions and previous political activities, including those on homosexuality.

As of this date neither I nor the association office has received any call, from either the public or our members, for the deselection of our prospective candidate. He will not be deselected, and has the full backing of the Exeter Conservative Association.

Dr Rogers is a convenient bogeyman for the homosexual lobby to hate.

Yours sincerely,  
PERCY EVERSON,  
President,  
Exeter Conservative Association,  
47a Magdalen Road, Exeter, Devon,  
December 6.

From Mr Stephen Twigg

Sir, Surely, we have progressed beyond the point where serious political opinion can suggest that it is unacceptable for someone to be an MP simply because they are openly gay.

There are increasing numbers of us — in all parties — standing for Parliament and open about the fact that we are lesbian or gay. This is not in order to create an issue but because we want to be open and honest with the electorate.

Yours faithfully,  
STEPHEN TWIGG  
(Labour prospective parliamentary candidate for Enfield Southgate),  
c/o Fabian Society,  
11 Dartmouth Street, SW1,  
December 4.

From Mr Rikki Cleve

Sir, It was most thoughtful of Dr Rogers and Mr Mike Carter to write and confirm Matthew Parris's article of December 2.

I was initially not totally convinced by it, but now I see how right Mr Parris is.

Yours faithfully,  
RICKI CLEEVE,  
15 Eton Hall,  
Eton College Road, NW3,  
December 4.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Advent hymns, ancient v modern

From the Reverend Michael Crowther-Green

Sir, I thank Roger Scruton for his article, "Silent night of our hymns" (November 30) and agree with him that

The musical culture... which has been the greatest source of joy to me and my contemporaries is now dormant, surfacing for a week or so each Christmas, but too feeble to stay awake beyond Boxing Day.

I am glad he included Advent hymns and carols, for they too are a source of great inspiration. Many are translations from Greek or Latin and are memorable for the succinct way in which they introduce themes of hope, joy and justice — and of judgment (not a popular theme nowadays). Advent has been lost in the commercialisation of this season and the loss of its message distorts what follows.

The great festivals of the Christian year point to God and his initiative: there is a hunger and thirst to hear again that Good News. I regret that too many modern songs are so human-centred as to suggest that we are losing some of our cosmic vision. Without vision, the people perish. Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL CROWTHER-GREEN,  
8 Egerton Road,  
Reading, Berkshire,  
December 2.

From the Reverend Alan Haine

Sir, The new hymns in *Mission Praise*, so despised by Roger Scruton, are frequently used in tandem with the Methodist Church's own hymn book. They fulfil a genuine need amongst many Methodist worshippers to address the Almighty in a style which they find natural to them.

### Lottery policy

From the Secretary of State for National Heritage

Sir, Your leading article on the National Lottery, "Cunningham's number" (December 3), was misleading in two key aspects.

You assert that our intention is that when the Millennium Fund ends, its money will be redistributed among the other four good causes. That is not so. The Government has already announced innovative plans for the use of the millennium good cause money in the next century.

Michael Heseltine told the Conservative Party conference on October 10 that we will create a new information and communication technology fund, designed to enrich our lives with "information of every sort to everybody" — probably the most exciting IT initiative this country has ever seen. You charge that the lottery is a regressive tax. On the contrary, evi-

dence shows that those in socio-economic groups C1 and C2 play the most, with the unemployed playing the least. And as for "the poor playing for the playthings of the rich", the facts show that small local projects up and down the country have been the main beneficiaries of the lottery, with over 50 per cent (5,628) of awards for projects of less than £50,000. Less than 3 per cent of awards are for projects of over £1 million.

The policy of the Labour Party towards the lottery is based more on ideological spite than reasoned or coherent argument. It would make a refreshing change if the Opposition for once accepted this success story rather than proposing to threaten these achievements. Unlike Labour, we will not raid the nation's lottery to fund frontline public spending programmes.

Yours faithfully,  
VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY,  
House of Commons,  
December 4.

From Mr G. C. Steele

Sir, This Christmas, according to *Mission Praise*, we can sing "O come all you faithful", an emasculated version of *Once in royal David's city* (no more "all in white shall wait around") and, worst of all, the seraph in verse 4 of *While shepherds watched* is replaced by a mere angel.

Million, thou shouldst be living at this hour!

Yours faithfully,  
G. C. STEELE,  
33 Bounds Oak Way, Southborough,  
Tunbridge Wells, Kent,  
December 1.

A number of major nurseries, such as Maelor Nurseries in Shropshire, now provide information on provenance for a range of British tree species. Unfortunately, the number of nurseries which operate schemes of this type is still insufficient to meet the total demand for broadleaved trees in Britain.

Yours respectfully,  
MIKE TOWNSEND  
(Director of Woodland Operations),  
The Woodland Trust,  
Autumn Park, Dysart Road,  
Grantham, Lincolnshire,  
November 26.

From Mrs Pat Davies

Sir, Contrary to the information given in the illustration accompanying Nick Nuttall's report, red squirrels cannot digest acorns. They feed mainly on hazelnuts and conifer seeds, leaving acorns to their grey cousins, who can exist on them.

Yours faithfully,  
PAT DAVIES,  
Sheepskin, Wickhurst Road,  
Wald, Sevenoaks, Kent,  
November 26.

What's in a name?

From Mr George Speak

Sir, I am obliged to comment on the recent correspondence on the significance of names (November 14, 21, 28, 30).

Yours faithfully,  
GEORGE SPEAK,  
7 Scott Close,  
Workshop, Nottinghamshire,  
December 2.

From the Dean of Lichfield

Sir, Flying from Heathrow to Toronto last year, I had a Mr Rong sitting on my right. Unfortunately his English was so rudimentary that I didn't even attempt to explain who was sitting on his left.

Yours etc,  
TOM WRIGHT,  
The Deanery, Lichfield, Staffordshire,  
December 4.

### An orderly life

From Mrs P. A. Mills

Sir, Mrs Sheridan Taylor can share the (dubious?) honour of being her husband's "reliable databank" (letter, November 29) with the wife of G. K. Chesterton.

This notoriously absent-minded gentleman sent a telegram to his wife, with the following request: "Am in Market Harborough. Where ought I to be?"

Yours faithfully,  
PAULINE A. MILLS,  
34 Holmfield Avenue,  
Stoneygate, Leicester,  
December 2.

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OBITUARIES

# DENIS JENKINSON



Denis Jenkinson (centre) and Stirling Moss celebrate their victory in the 1955 Mille Miglia

Denis Jenkinson, motor racing authority, sportsman and journalist, died on November 29 aged 75. He was born on December 12, 1920.

For half a century Denis Jenkinson was an active and highly respected figure in the world of motor sport. Once aply described as "an all-time, one-off, practical eccentric", he could count among his legion of friends in the international arena such leading figures as Juan Fangio, Jack Brabham, Jim Clark, Graham Hill and Stirling Moss.

It was as Moss's riding navigator that he himself entered the sporting history books, when together they won the now legendary Mille Miglia of 1955. Thanks to the superb driving of Moss and the meticulously accurate, pre-planned navigation instructions of the "lion-hearted" Jenkinson, their Mercedes-Benz SLR300 turned in a record average speed of 97.5 mph for the arduous 1,000-mile course.

"Jenks", as he was almost universally known, had already established his two-wheel and three-wheel credentials

as a successful racing motorcyclist and as the active passenger when, in 1949, he and his rider, Eric Oliver, won the Motorcycle Sidecar World Championship. By that time he was also contributing regular and evocative articles to the pages of *Motor Sport*.

Born at Honor Oak Park near Lewisham in south London, the son of a senior employee of Thomas Cook and Sons, Denis Sargent Jenkinson received a sound basic training in engineering at the London Regent Street Polytechnic. While there he acquired also an acute, specialist knowledge of all forms of motoring, and began to make wider use of the skill he had always shown as an inveterate dlist.

But by then he had already, at the age of 18, won his spurs as a volunteer mechanic with the two-litre Alfa of the Brooklands racing driver (and later fighter-pilot), Robert Cowell.

When war came, Jenkinson — just 5ft 2½ in tall — joined the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough and quickly found himself working as an engine systems development engineer in the aero-engine experimental department. There he worked close to

William Boddy, the future editor of *Motor Sport*, and they formed a lifelong friendship which was to become part of Jenkinson's working life.

With peace, Jenkinson entered serious motoring journalism, in which he soon showed that he was an acute judge of technical as well as aesthetic merit and that he could submit concise, accurate and often enthralling accounts of events — while taking every opportunity to compete himself.

His work with Bill Boddy ("WB") helped to build *Motor Sport* into the leading journal in its sphere, and contributions were soon in demand from Jenkinson from motor magazines everywhere. Meanwhile, away from the motoring scene, he was living alone in a "more than somewhat" basic cottage in Hampshire. It was without running water and lit only by 12-volt car bulbs from a generator and batteries charged by a Fiat 500 engine mounted on bricks outside.

A small, cheerful, bearded Puck-like figure of high integrity, he was, however, no recluse. He was never short of girlfriends, though his eccentric, nomadic lifestyle saw to it that he remained unmarried.

Each year in the grand prix season Jenkinson would cover the successive events around Europe, living in hotels and driving to his homes in the latest sports cars, which served a double purpose as both means of transport and the subjects of careful assessment for an eager press. In all of this the breadth of his enthusiasms never waned — whether for Brooklands, Millbrook, Goodwood, Le Mans, Monza, Concorde or the Harrier.

Those pleasures extended to the purchase of the historic, ex-Ferrari 4.4 litre, straight-eight Duesenberg car which, driven by Whitney Straight in the 1930s, had lapped Brooklands at 138 mph. Jenks found it lying abandoned with its engine removed. He promptly acquired the dilapidated car for £75, traced the engine elsewhere, largely restored them himself and returned them to Brooklands for safekeeping and display in the Brooklands Museum Club House. He generously left them to the Brooklands Trust in his will.

After a stroke in January of this year, Jenks lived out his last months at the British Motor Industry (BEN) Nursing Home at Sunninghill.

# PHILIPPA SAVERY

Philippa Savery, campaigner for the conservation of Bath, died on November 27 aged 93. She was born on January 31, 1903.



PHILIPPA SAVERY was a diminutive but doughty front-line fighter in the battle for Bath in the 1960s and early 1970s. In those bonanza years, although masterpieces such as the Royal Crescent and Circus were safe, bulldozers cut swaths through row upon row of lesser Georgian gems.

Almost single-handedly at first, Savery took on a city council committed to comprehensive development and which, guided by an industrial psychologist, had hired a chief planner from Hemel Hempstead who felt that the 20th century should leave its own mark on the Woods' achievement. So 18th-century terraces were swept away for the inevitable shopping mall, multi-storey car parks and high-rise flats. Why, argued the man from the New Town, should residents of Bath be denied the up-to-date delights of Birmingham?

Savery campaigned against the planners from a Georgian house in the shadow of Bath Abbey, where her cobwebbed devotion to the past, including a preference for candles and oil-lamps, would have made Miss Havisham feel at home. It was also home to hundreds of pigeons.

She carried her battle-cry to save Bath beyond its boundaries, enlisting Sir John Betjeman among her allies, and by 1972 the destruction of a heritage city became a national issue through Adam Fergusson's articles in *The Times*, followed by his book *The Sack of Bath*, with alarming photographic evidence supplied by Snowden.

Philippa Katherine Savery was born of Somerset parents and brought up in Vienna and Paris, where her father was an actuary. She was a WAAF officer in the Second World War and afterwards set up as an antiques dealer in Bath, where her grandfather had lived in the house once occupied by Beau Nash.

She herself followed in the

rich tradition of Bath's eccentrics. Like a Mrs Tiggy-Winkle in tweeds and brogues she bustled about the city, briskly bullying supporters, buttonholing councillors and developers, organising petitions and distributing propaganda, often at the Wheel of a Bullnose Morris she had bought in 1929.

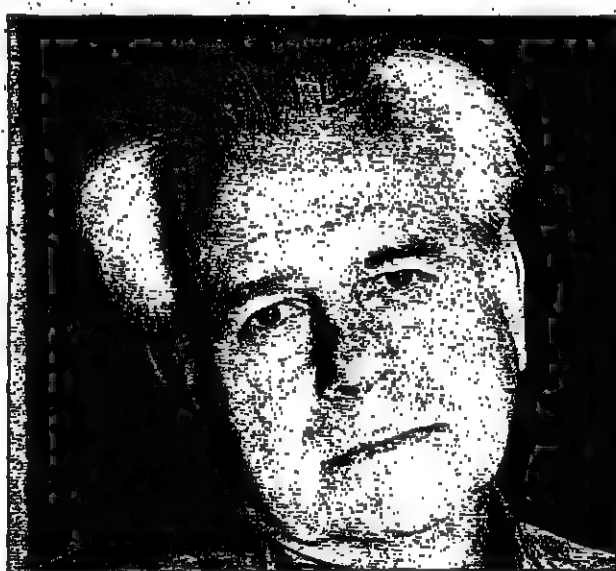
She eventually acquired the whole of the house where she had rented a room in 1946, and finally gave it to the Landmark Trust. Here she stored artefacts rescued from the demolition gangs, took in paying guests and still dabbled in antiques until she rebelled against VAT.

Ironically, the cost of crusading left little cash for maintaining a Grade II listed building. Undaunted, she kept up Georgian appearances by ingenious DIY. Metal coal-hangers could be bent to resemble the scalloped glazing-bars of a fanlight; a rubber ball painted black replaced the missing part of a frial on wrought-iron railings.

When not locked in combat with planners, Savery would berate owners whose dogs fouled Abbey Green, pursuing them with paper bags and sometimes a shovel. Or she would crusade against culling the city's pigeon population, pleading for birth-control instead. She devised a feed

# EDISON DENISOV

Edison Denisov, Russian composer, died in Paris on November 23 aged 67. He was born in Tomsk on April 6, 1929.



WHEN, towards the end of Khrushchev's reign, Soviet cultural policy became more open, Edison Denisov was one of the young composers to take advantage, and so find himself welcomed to the bosom of the Western European avant-garde. Pierre Boulez conducted his *Le soleil des Incas* for soprano and ensemble in Brussels in 1966, after which his works began to appear regularly on the programmes of modern music festivals.

In retrospect, though, his triumph as a Modernist looks to have been due to his misapprehension, even if his anagrammatical name — Edison V. Denisov — might have predestined him for a life as a serialist composer.

The 12-note series was always for him a source not of new structural thinking but of melodic motifs that would be repeated over and over again (a mournful descending phrase became almost a personal signature). Even such relatively early works as his orchestral *Peinture* (1970) express a deep continuity with the Shostakovich tradition of tragic pathos.

What made his music particularly individual was his combination of Shostakovich's brooding, lonely manner with a very sensuous orchestral style — a combination that could evoke comparison with Surrealist painting, and that allowed him (occasionally with the help of his feeling for

jazz) to respond to a vein of disillusioned eroticism in French literature from Baudelaire to the present day.

He was, indeed, a serious Francophile. Many of his works, including his operas *L'écume des jours* after Boris Vian (1981) and *Les quatre jeunes filles* after Picasso (1986), were set to French texts, and many more were written for French musicians. Once his Western prestige had brought him the liberty to travel, he divided his time between Paris and Moscow.

Edison Vasilyevich Denisov studied mathematics at Tomsk University, 1946-51, but during that time he was already looking towards a musical career, and sent some compositions to Shostakovich, who encouraged him to study with Vissarion Shebalin at the Moscow Conservatory.

On completing his post-graduate studies there in 1959, he was appointed to the staff, and from 1961 he taught orchestration. His access to Western music and musicians was unique at the conservatory, and his importance as a teacher will become more evident as more of his pupils gain an international siring.

His reputation, though, can stand on his compositions. He wrote music of all kinds: operas and other scores for the theatre (including several for Yuri Lyubimov's Taganka company), symphonic pieces, choral works, songs and scenes, chamber music and sonatas. Although he published little before his mid-thirties, he was prolific thereafter: the list of his concertos, for example, includes work for cello (1972), piano (1974), flute (1975), violin (1977),

flute and oboe (1979), bassoon and cello (1982), viola (1985), oboe (1986) and saxophone (1993), a reworking of his viola concerto).

He also found time to complete the works of others. His version of Debussy's opera *Rodrigue et Chimène* was staged in Lyons in 1993, and one of his last achievements was to finish Schubert's oratorio *Lazarus*. Both of these have been recorded, as have many of his original works.

Writing so much, he ran the risk of being repetitious but he made a virtue of that potential fault by conceiving each work as a different voyage around the same objects, among which might be found — together with that downward phrase — the D major chord and quotations from Schubert.

The former, one of whose appearances is as the goal of his Symphony (1988), he saw as signifying light — "both real light (the sun) and the colours of the *lux aeterna*". As for Schubert, whose *Impromptu in A flat* provides the subject for the finale of the viola/saxophone concerto, Denisov revered him, in terms which recall Tchaikovsky's veneration of Mozart, as "a symbol of music and of that which is eternal in art".

Edison Denisov was badly injured in a car accident two years ago near Moscow. He had since undergone a series of operations in Paris, but his health had never recovered. He is survived by his second wife, whom he married in 1987, and their two daughters, and by a son and daughter from an earlier marriage which was dissolved.

# LYCETTE DARSONVAL

Lycette Darsenal, ballerina, died in St-Lô, Normandy, on November 1 aged 84. She was born Alice Perron at Contances on February 12, 1912.



WHEN the BBC recruited dancers for a broadcast of *The Sleeping Beauty* in January 1952, its most ambitious television ballet until then, Lycette Darsenal was brought from Paris to play the lead. The production, by Christian Simpson, was on a grand scale (as far as studio facilities then permitted), with special effects by the silhouette artist Lone Reininger.

The French ballerina was not an obvious choice: the Paris Opéra then had only a digest version of the ballet, so she had never danced the full role of Aurora. But the historian C. W. Beaumont, who was brought in as an adviser to the production, found her "a charming woman with a quick brain" who readily met all requirements, and she was much praised in the part.

Darsenal's career was an eventful one. Brought to Paris when her parents moved from Normandy, she was persuaded at the age of 12 to study ballet at the Opéra by someone who had seen her dancing to a street organ in Montmartre. As soon as she joined the company, her liveliness and brilliant technique singled her out, but she was notoriously undisciplined. Failing to get promotion as quickly as she thought she deserved, she resigned at 18, married and travelled widely in equatorial Africa.

But once back in Paris she returned to the ballet studios, perfected her virtuosity, won first prize in an international ballet competition in Warsaw, and was soon performing

again, including tours with an émigré Russian company (where she danced the classic leads) and with the illustrious Serge Lifar, then ballet director at

the Opéra, persuaded her back there. She had to start again at her old rank of junior soloist, but within months she won for herself, in open competition, the coveted role of Giselle — previously the preserve of Russian guest stars Olga Spessivtseva and Marina Semyonova.

Thereafter Darsenal enjoyed two decades as one of the company's stars. Speed and lightness were her special qualities, making her well suited to ballets like *Sylvia* and *Coppelia*. But she also had many roles created for her by Lifar (including two of the solos in his finest work, *Suite en blanc*), by Balanchine (the first movement of *Symphony in C*) and Albert Aveline. Some of these roles, too, were seen on BBC television.

Her official farewell was made at a gala in 1959, after which she received on stage from André Malraux (then Minister of Culture) the Légion d'honneur. For two years previously she had also directed the ballet school of the Opéra, and went on to teach at the Nice Conservatoire.

Darsenal was one of France's most popular ballerinas, not least because, in addition to her duties at the Opéra, she toured regional towns with her own group. She was the first woman to do choreography at the Opéra (*La Nuit vénitienne* in 1939), and in 1979 she mounted a splendid revival of *Sylvia* there. She also gave "performance lectures" for the Sorbonne about three centuries of dance, and later developed this theme into a touring programme for her own group.

# Weekend anniversaries

**TODAY** BIRTHS: Gian Bernini, sculptor, Naples, 1598; Allan Cunningham, writer, Keir, Dumfriesshire, 1784; Sir Redvers Buller, VC, general, Crediton, Devon, 1839; Sir Joseph Cook, Prime Minister of Australia, 1913-14, Silverdale, Staffordshire, 1860; Pietro Mascagni, composer, Leghorn, 1863; Willa Cather, novelist, Winchester, Virginia, 1873; Rudolf Friml, composer, Prague, 1879; Stuart Davis, painter, Philadelphia, 1894.

DEATHS: Marcus Tullius Cicero, Roman orator and statesman, executed, Formia, Italy, 43 BC; Melndert Hobbema, landscape painter, Amsterdam, 1709; Michel Ney, commander of Napoleon's Old Guard, shot for high treason, Paris, 1815; William Bligh, admiral, Captain of

*HMS Bounty*, London, 1817; John Flaxman, sculptor, London, 1826; Edward Irving, founder of the Holy Catholic Apostolic Church, Glasgow, 1834; Vicomte Ferdinand de Lesseps, promoter of the Suez Canal, La Chenaie, Belgium, 1894; Kirsten Flagstad, soprano, Oslo, 1962; Thornton Wilder, novelist and dramatist, New Haven, Connecticut, 1957; Robert Graves, poet and novelist, Deya, Mallorca, 1985; Roy Orbison, singer, Nashville, Tennessee, 1988.

The Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, opened, 1732.

William Pitt the Younger, aged 24, became the youngest British Prime Minister, 1783.

Pearl Harbor was bombed by Japanese aircraft, the following day Britain, Australia and America declared war on Japan, 1941.

**TOMORROW** BIRTHS: Horace Quintus Horatius Flaccus, Roman poet, Venusia, southern Italy, 65 BC; Mary Queen of Scots, reigned 1542-67, Linlithgow, 1542; Queen Christina of Sweden reigned 1644-54, Stockholm, 1626; Eli Whitney, pioneer of the cotton gin, Westborough, Massachusetts, 1765; Bjornstjerne Bjornson, novelist and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1903, Kvikne, Norway, 1832; Aristide Maillol, sculptor, Banyuls-sur-Mer, 1861; Georges Feydeau, dramatist, Paris, 1862; Jean Sibelius, composer, Hammenlinn, Finland, 1865; Norman Douglas, essayist and novelist, Thuringen, Austria, 1868; Padraic Colum, poet, Longford, Co Longford, 1881; James Thurber, humorist, writer, Columbus, Ohio, 1894; Jim

Morrison, singer and poet, Melbourne, Florida, 1943.

DEATHS: Adriaan Willaert, composer, Venice, 1562; John Pym, leader of the opposition to King Charles I, London, 1643; Richard Baxter, Presbyterian writer, London, 1691; Thomas de Quincey, writer, Edinburgh, 1859; Herbert Spencer, philosopher, Brighton, 1903; Gertrude Jekyll, gardener and landscape architect, Godalming, Surrey, 1932; Simon Marks, Baron Marks of Broughton, retail trade leader, London, 1964; Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel 1969-74, Jerusalem, 1978; John Lennon, singer and songwriter, shot, Manhattan, 1980.

Pope Pius IX declared the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be an Article of Faith, 1854.

# IRISH FREE STATE.

PEACE TERMS IN FULL (By Our Parliamentary Correspondent)

The Irish Agreement will be submitted to the British Parliament for ratification by both Houses next Wednesday...

It is the ratification of the Agreement with which the Government is immediately concerned in summoning Parliament. The framing of the Act which must also be passed through Parliament will follow at more leisure. The first essential, after the Sinn Féin Government has accepted the terms of the settlement, is that they should also be accepted by the Parliament of Great Britain.

The intention in setting up the Irish Free State is to follow the Parliamentary procedure adopted in 1800 for carrying the Union. The principal difference must be that, whereas in 1800 the primary Act was passed in the Irish Parliament, the reverse order must now be followed and the Act creating the Irish Free State must originate and be passed by the British Parliament, and accepted and worked by the Irish Parliament...

With the ratification of the Agreement in Dublin and in London the withdrawal of British troops from Ireland will begin at once, and it is expected that the withdrawal will have been completed by the time the

# ON THIS DAY

December 7, 1921



The first article of the Treaty provided that Ireland should have Dominion status. The Treaty split the nationalists and civil war broke out, during which Michael Collins was killed. The Irish Free State came into existence on December 6, 1922.

forthcoming legislation has been carried. It is evidently the intention that there shall be no British troops remaining in the Irish Free State from the date when the Irish Government takes over the control of Irish affairs. As in the case of the Northern Parliament, the transfer of powers must occupy a little time, but the first powers transferred will be those of law and order.

There was in Government quarters yesterday a manifest feeling of relief and of relaxation after months of anxiety over Ireland. The negotiations with Mr. de Valera began last July—five months ago—and

the keen and detailed negotiations with the Sinn Féin delegation opened on November 11, nearly two months ago. There was a complete lack of optimism in the Cabinet when the last phase of the negotiations began. It is no secret that the Prime Minister, after his encounters with Mr. de Valera, was afraid that he would be dealing with idealists and theorists whom it would be impossible to bring down to the discussion of hard and concrete political facts.

He and his colleagues in the Cabinet made their reckoning without a knowledge of Mr. Michael Collins. The fact is that nobody in this country did know Mr. Collins. Even Dublin Castle was not aware of the manner of man that he is, and it is said that Castle authorities were so little aware of his identity that he could appear openly in public without risk of being recognized as the head of the Irish Republican Army. There was no better knowledge of his character than of his physical appearance. In the negotiations, he has been revealed as the possessor of a keen and incisive mind, with a quick grasp of situations and possibilities, and matched against three of the acute intellects in the Government—those of the Prime Minister, the Lord Chancellor, and the Attorney-General—he has held his own and maintained Ireland's cause...











# GEC takes £160m charge for restructuring

By OLIVER AUGUST

GEC, the industrial group, is to spend £160 million on a restructuring programme in the first substantial move by George Simpson, the new chief executive.

Interim results, already depressed by the restructuring charge, were also affected by the soaring pound, which is hurting GEC's export potential. Pre-tax profits fell from £402 million to £261 million in the six months to September 30 and earnings per share were 5.5p, down from 9.1p.

The interim dividend was raised from 3.1p to 3.26p and will be paid on March 27. Of the £160 million to be spent on restructuring, £45 million will go on imposing up to 1,000 job losses at AG Power Transmission and Hazelton Corporation, two recent US acquisitions. Improvements at existing divisions will account for £65 million.

A further £50 million is to be

spent on adjusting the book values of two unnamed businesses, which GEC hopes to sell by Christmas.

Lord Prior, the chairman, said the group was carrying out a fundamental review of all aspects of its activities and management structure in the wake of the appointment of Mr Simpson, who replaced Lord Weinstock. GEC's driving force for many years.

Lord Prior said: "The recent strengthening of sterling is adding to the difficulties of exporting from the UK and, if sustained, will reduce the earnings, when expressed in sterling, of our overseas businesses and joint ventures. Nevertheless, the group's record order book, strong cash position and the excellence of its key businesses continue to give the board every confidence in the prospects for growth."

GEC is still looking for a

solution to the change of ownership structure at Framatom, the French nuclear engineering business in which it has a 50 per cent stake via a French subsidiary. The French Government is opposed to GEC holding such a stake. David Newlands, the finance director, said GEC would insist on having as much management influence as possible if its stake was to shrink to 49 per cent.

Lord Weinstock, who now holds the title of chairman emeritus, recently said: "Framatom is an important operation because nuclear power will become an alternative again. There are going to be new nuclear construction programmes even though there are none at the moment. GEC Alstom will have a good card to play with Framatom."

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## Modest rise in output at factories

By JANET BUSH

BRITISH manufacturing industry continued its modest recovery from this year's stagnation in October, as firms enjoyed the fruits of greater consumer demand.

Manufacturing output grew by 0.5 per cent compared with September, according to the Office for National Statistics. Taking the last three months compared with the previous three, the sector has grown by 0.4 per cent. However, since the same three months a year ago, manufacturing is still only 0.1 per cent higher, a mark of the long months when firms were saddled with huge unwanted stockpiles.

Industrial production, which includes the North Sea and energy sectors, fell marginally by 0.1 per cent in October. In the three months to October, compared with the previous three, industrial production was flat but 0.7 per cent higher than a year ago. Oil extraction as well as production of electricity, gas and water were all lower.

The Treasury commented: "The optimism of recent business surveys is now feeding into strengthening manufacturing activity."



Philip McDaniel, left, Chrysalis managing director, and Chris Wright, chairman, yesterday when the media group declared a £5.36 million pre-tax loss in the year to August 31 (£1 million pre-tax profit previously) and a 2.75p final dividend (same)

## Wolves revives beer margins

WOLVERHAMPTON & Dudley Breweries, which serves one of the cheapest pints in the country, revealed yesterday that it has been able to push up retail prices to restore damaged beer margins (Alasdair Murray writes).

The company announced a 7 per cent rise in full-year pre-tax profits, before property disposals, to £43 million.

Turnover increased 8.5 per cent to £250 million, while capital expenditure more than doubled to £66 million.

The retail division, which includes 656 pubs, increased operating profits 16 per cent to £35 million, achieving a 0.4 per cent rise in volumes. Food sales rose 17.3 per cent. Profits in the tenanted division rose 9.5 per cent to £9.1 million. A

final dividend of 11p is payable on January 31, lifting the total payout by 11 per cent to 17p.

David Miller, chairman, said Wolves would see the benefits of its investment programme coming through in the new financial year and that rising consumer expenditure is helping to boost volumes and margins.

## City costs inquiry averted

By JASON NISSE

AN INQUIRY into how the City raises money for companies has been temporarily averted.

John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, has given the market up to four months' grace to continue cutting the cost of underwriting share issues and so avoid a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The move is a victory for Schroders, the merchant bank, which put out to tender the underwriting of a £22 million rights issue for Stakis, the hotel group, and saved about £800,000. A handful of other issues, mainly by Schroders and Kleinwort Benson, have followed suit.

Mr Bridgeman said these developments represented the first tentative steps to reform. He added: "In the absence of any progress, I would not have hesitated in referring this market to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission."

The OFT believes companies are being overcharged by more than 50 per cent for underwriting share issues. In the Stakis case and subsequent issues, the cost was reduced by about 11 per cent.

## Another two rail franchises awarded

THE latest rail operating franchises were awarded yesterday, with Prism Rail taking West Anglia Great Northern Railway and a new company, GB Railways, gaining the Anglia Railways routes. Prism, a consortium of bus company directors, has already been awarded LTS (London, Tilbury and Southend) Rail, Cardiff Railway and South Wales and West.

Prism is to spend £14 million on improving station facilities, information systems and refurbishing rolling stock. The GB Railways franchise will run for just over seven years. The company will receive a £35.9 million subsidy in the first year, declining to £6.3 million in 2003-04. GB Railways plans to spend £2 million to be spent on stations, improved service frequency and punctuality, and a new rail-air coach link between Colchester, Essex, and Stansted airport. Prism's 1997-98 grant is £52.9 million. That will drop to £24.8 million by 2003-04.

## Anderson sentenced

DONALD ANDERSON, the former finance director of Goldcrest, the Brent Walker film-making subsidiary, was yesterday sentenced to two years in prison. Anderson was convicted at Southwark Crown Court on Thursday of attempting to pervert the course of justice in a £19 million cover-up. Anderson, who surrendered to the Serious Fraud Office in 1995 having fled abroad in 1992, was also banned from being a company director for five years.

## Whitchurch rights issue

RICHARD THOMPSON, deputy chairman of Caspian Group, owner of Leeds United Football Club, has taken control of Whitchurch, the troubled beefburger maker into which he injected his meat interests last year. Mr Thompson's businesses are backing a £3.25 million fundraising move by the company, whose shares have fallen from 68p when the deal was done to close at 26p yesterday. The two-for-three rights issue, priced at 25p, is being underwritten by Mr Thompson and his associates.

## Switch in share deals

THE London Stock Exchange yesterday announced that the long-awaited move to order-driven electronic trading in FT-SE 100 shares will be completed on October 27 next year. Gavin Casey, chief executive of the exchange, said that an intensive period of testing and full-scale dress rehearsals would precede the launch. He said that a move to extend order-driven trading to other shares will be considered after next October, depending on market demand.

## Examiner for Cityjet

CITYJET, the Irish airline that operates between London City Airport and Dublin, was yesterday given protection from its creditors with the court appointment of an interim examiner. The examiner will attempt to arrange a survival plan for the insolvent airline, which has net liabilities of £8 million. The High Court in Dublin was told the three-year-old company has more than a reasonable chance of survival. Cityjet will continue to operate 150 flights a week.

## Fuller pulls ahead

FULLER SMITH & TURNER, the brewery company based in London, achieved a 4 per cent increase in first-half profits to £5.2 million, before tax and exceptional items, to £5.2 million, in the six months to September 28. Turnover rose 12 per cent to £49.4 million. The interim dividend, to be paid on January 17, was increased 6 per cent to 3.1p on the A shares and 0.31p for B shares. The A shares yesterday closed 7½p down at 44½p.

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A WORKING WEEK FOR: LUCIANO BENETTON

# Clothing king who courts controversy

The courteous head of Benetton will go to great lengths to promote the business, even posing nude. Sarah Cunningham reports

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WITH HIS curly white hair, John Lennon-style wire spectacles and cosy woolly jumper, Luciano Benetton looks more like a genial professor than the showy, maverick businessman of repute.

His quiet voice and courteous manner also belie his public image and make it hard to imagine him agreeing to be photographed wearing nothing but his specs and a big smile. But he did pose in the nude for an advertisement three years ago, and he did it for the same reason that he does most things — to promote the Benetton brand and so sell more jumpers.

After all, Benetton, 61, has been selling clothes since he was 14. From working as a teenager behind the counter of someone else's shop, he now heads one of the world's leading clothing groups, and has built up an immense personal fortune along the way.

The Benetton group was born, naturally, with a pullover, made for him in the late Fifties by his sister, Giuliana. "She made me a jumper in an untraditional and rather eccentric colour, a yellow," he recalls. "Friends kept on asking me where I had bought the pullover. After three had asked, it occurred to me that this was a market."

Spotting opportunities in the clothing market is what he loves doing. Although he is president of the whole group, he spends his time looking after the clothing business and leaves his younger brother, Gilberto, who is vice-president, to run the finances and the non-clothing businesses, such as motorway service stations and ski-equipment manufacturing. Another brother, Carlo, is production director, while Giuliana is design director. A number of their children also work in the company, based near Treviso, and even his mother, Rosa, still lives near by and cooks dinner for him once a week.

In spite of the obvious pitfalls for a family working so closely together for so long, he says that it always works well. "As a family we have always been able to work together because we have certain predispositions, we all have different interests."

Early hardships must also have helped to unify the family. Their father, who ran a car-tire business, died when Luciano was 10. The Second World War had just ended and Italy's economy was shattered. As the eldest child, Luciano had to leave school to help to keep food on the table. He remembers those years as "intense" — when he was not working he spent his time rowing or playing basketball.

That intensity is something that even now, nearly half a century on, he does not want to give up. He says he has no thoughts of retirement because he does not want to stop his constant travelling, which keeps him out of Italy at least half

the year. "I'm not thinking of quitting," he says, adding with typical ambiguity, "but that doesn't mean that there won't be more space for others to work."

A week when he is not travelling overseas will be split between days in the beautiful 17th-century villa where the group has its headquarters, and trips to Rome, Milan and other places in Italy. When overseas he has long days visiting the shops operating under a Benetton licence, talking to potential new partners, and sightseeing. The stress of travelling suffered by the average businessman is eased, he acknowledges, by making use of one of the group's three private jets. His latest trip included Japan, Vietnam, Cambodia and Burma. The company has shops in the first and the visit to the others was to look for new opportunities.

In spite of the politically correct stance of some of the company's advertisements — especially the United Colors of Benetton series showing rows of smiling, youthful, multi-racial faces — he does not let politics influence decisions on where to open stores. Except in the most exceptional circumstances — he cites South Africa — politics are ignored when it comes to making investment decisions.

In the case of Burma, calls by Aung San Suu Kyi, the democracy activist, for an economic boycott of the military-run country do not bother him. He says: "It would be impossible. Our relationship is with a local businessman who wants to do business with us and import our products. It is independent of everything else." In other words, if there is a market for the clothes, Benetton wants to be there. He says it was the same reasoning that led Benetton to open in Sarajevo at the height of the fighting and he claims he would have been equally happy to open in Belgrade, but a trade embargo made it out of the question.

When he visits a new country, his concerns are purely practical. "I want to see what the social life is, see whether there is a possible clientele. I'm usually very pessimistic. I prefer to wait an extra year rather than believe a very favourable but unrealistic forecast."

If a new shop does not then work, it is usually because the choice of products has been wrong for the local market, he reckons. He may say he is pessimistic, but he is certainly confident of the power of the Benetton name. "If the country's economy is going well and there are young people, there is a market for our brand," he says.

"If you are going to a country for the first time, you have to have a well known brand, something that young people, even if they have not travelled, recognise. We have always sought to publicise the brand. The clothes themselves can be promoted through the 7,000-odd shop windows." Because of his efforts — and those of Oliviero Toscani, the Benetton photographer and publicity guru — the Benetton name is recognised around the



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world and, he reckons, is in the same league as Coca-Cola. What is different about Benetton brand building has been the courting of controversy. The protests triggered by the posters of new-born babies, bloodstained army fatigues, AIDS victims and the rest created the sort of coverage that advertisements alone could never muster. When asked about the campaigns, he smiles. He knows the trick has worked once again.

The advertisement in which he appeared nude had the slogan "I want my clothes back" and spearheaded a used-clothing drive. But even that was controversial as he was a senator at the time and was rebuffed for bringing Parliament into disrepute. His career in the Senate, from 1992 to 1994, was his only real foray outside the world of clothing and not one he remembers fondly. He went into politics in the wake of the first wave of big corruption cases, known as *tangentopoli*. "I had the idea that it could be better to have people going into politics who did not need to do it for financial gain. It was just an idea and I now think that politicians need to work at it full-time."

He says that he simply did not have the time to undertake politics properly. "It wasn't the business that suffered, I suffered," he says. Like many successful businessmen, he is easily bored by

matters outside his own business, which he finds endlessly fascinating. His private life, he says, is quiet. He has been separated from his wife, Maria-Teresa, for more than 20 years and in the evenings he prefers to dine with friends. And to relax, he travels.

Even his interest in the group's highly successful Formula One racing team is the interest of a marketing man. The family member who loves the sport is his son and presumed successor, Alessandro, who also works with a Benetton venture capital outfit, 2i Investment. But for Luciano, "Formula One is a sport which is seen by hundreds of millions of people and so it is very good

advertising. To do well in a high-technology sport is good for a company like ours," he says.

Unlike many of his peers in the Italian business world — including Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon who entered politics with more spectacular results — he has not been touched by *tangentopoli*. He says the simple reason for this is that the group never tendered for public works contracts, the source of many a *tangente* (bribe). He has, however, been called to stand trial in March on charges that he was party to the fraudulent bankruptcy of the Fiorucci clothing company. He says he is innocent and that Benetton played no part in the business for the year and a half before it went bust.

Although he has no intention of becoming a politician again, he remains fascinated and infuriated by Italy's politics.

"Here in Italy we have 150,000 laws. In England there are maybe 6,000-7,000. For the past 40 years, whenever a group of people have wanted something from the politician they have been satisfied with a law in return for their votes. It has blocked everything up. I want a well-organised State with about 5,000 laws. Otherwise it is like having indigestion; eventually you have to stop eating."

There may be high taxes, scandals and tens of thousands too many laws in Italy, but Luciano Benetton appears otherwise to have a rather charmed existence. As the interview wound up, he said he was about to set off for dinner with friends in Piedmont. "It's the truffle season," he explained, as if travelling 200 miles for dinner were normal. Perhaps for a man with three jets and a taste for the finer things in life, it is.

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## Nature springs a surprise on industrial Teesside

ICI is a leading exponent of wildlife conservation, Joanna Pitman finds

To many people, Teesside conjures up visions of smoking chimneys, slag heaps, lime slurry and miles of unrelieved industrial monstrosities belching waste.

In the past ten to 15 years, however, plants, birds and animals have been lured into this corner of North East England and have thrived, thanks to initiatives by industry to improve wildlife conservation in the area.

Of all the industrial giants, ICI has perhaps best demonstrated the ability to create new environmental assets on its land, much of which had been badly scarred by 150 years of industrialisation.

ICI is one of Cleveland's biggest landowners and the work it has done in the Teesside area over the past 15 years has created orchard colonies, reed beds, wetlands populated by dragonflies, tern breeding grounds,

woodlands, a seal programme in the Tees estuary and a badger rehabilitation programme. The Teesside projects have led ICI to set up Nature Link, an international wildlife conservation project that covers environmental work on land it owns in a dozen countries.

ICI began its involvement with nature conservation in the late 1970s when it leased Cowpen Marsh, on the banks of the Tees to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Cowpen Marsh is still a nature reserve, although its management has been transferred to a committee comprising ICI, the Industry and Nature Conservation Association (Inca), and English Nature.

Much of the ICI land has

been designated as a site of special scientific importance and when ICI sets up new industrial sites efforts are made to ensure minimal disruption to wildlife.

Take the proposed brine extraction wells on Cowpen Marsh. ICI relies on the salt deposits to produce the caustic soda and chlorine that go into disinfectants, solvents, detergents and plastics. The deposits are more than 300 metres below the surface and ICI will pump water into the boreholes to liquidise the underlying salt layer. This is then pumped under the River Tees to the company's manufacturing plants.

On the surface, meanwhile, wildlife should continue as normal with large numbers of wildfowl and

wading birds — teal, curlew, redshank, lapwing and golden plover — being drawn to the saltmarsh and grazing marsh of Cowpen. ICI will attempt to enhance the conservation area by recreating pools and lagoons and conserving reedbeds. Floating islands have been built to encourage terns to nest.

It will minimise ground disturbance by laying pipes on the surface along defined routes and putting in gravel rather than asphalt roads, gravel making even safer nesting sites for ringed plovers than the traditional beach hawks. Engineering work is also timed to prevent disturbance of the breeding season.

Ken Smith is a former ICI senior ecology adviser who now works as an ecology consultant for both ICI and Inca, the body that is co-ordinating an estuary management plan for the whole of the Tees. "We are expecting to end up with a site that will be better for wildlife when the drilling is finished than it is now. We have used all the knowledge accrued over years to make sure we do not detract from the area's conservation value and that we add to it where possible."

British Steel, Phillips Petroleum, BASF (all Inca members) and other firms are also investing in the preservation of wildlife assets so that it will not be long before Teesside will be more naturally associated with abundant wildlife, such as the carpet of more than 60,000 mauve and purple marsh orchids that bloom every summer on ICI's North Tees brinefields.



Mauve and purple marsh orchids are thriving in ICI's brinefields

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## STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

## BTR bucks the trend as shares plummet

BTR stood out from the crowd last night. It was the only constituent of the top 100 companies that made up the FT-SE 100 index to close up on the day.

It followed an upbeat trading statement that any other day would have had traders reaching for the phone to buy the shares. As it was, the industrial conglomerate's timing could not have been worse, coming out with its most positive trading news in many a month on a day when the rest of the London stock market was being hit for six.

BTR expects the second half to show an improvement over the first six months, but said that a strong pound could hold back profits. It finished 23p dearer at 237p, not a bad performance when taking into account the double-digit falls being registered by the rest of the FT-SE 100 constituents.

The dramatic losses seen elsewhere in the market stemmed from overnight comments by Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, about Wall Street's "irrational exuberance". In other words, the Dow Jones was too high and a correction was overdue.

His words sent a chill down the spines of investors overnight in the Far East where the Nikkei and the Hang Seng both fell sharply. It also set the scene for a sharp markdown in London as investors woke up to the fact that the US economy had problems of its own that might require a rise in interest rates.

At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index plunged almost 170 points, anxiously awaiting Wall Street's reaction to US employment figures. After initial nervousness that saw the Dow Jones industrial average tumble 144 points, share prices on both sides of the Atlantic rallied as it transpired those employment numbers were not as bad as had been feared. The index closed 88.2p down at 3,963.0, a fall on the week of 95 points. The relatively low level of turnover that saw 724 million shares change hands indicated that yesterday's volatility was more of a damage-limitation exercise than a dramatic sell-off.

Blue chips were the hardest hit. Losses were seen in Abbey National, 15p to 102.0, Barclays Bank, 32p to 102.0, Burslem, 20p to 102.0, Cadbury Schweppes, 21p to 486p, EMI, 47p to 133.1,



BA hit turbulence over its link-up plans with American

General Accident, 28p to 706p, GKN, 44p to 103.8, Schroders, 40p to 103.8, Unilever, 37p to 103.8, and Zetec, 49p to 103.8.

It was not the best day for Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to threaten to refer the link-up of British Airways with American Airlines to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission unless

company. He has set aside £160 million for restructuring, which left pre-tax profits down at £261 million, compared with £402 million last time.

The sharp overnight falls in Far Eastern markets left Standard Chartered nursing a loss of 28p at 63p, while setbacks were also recorded in HSBC, down 44p to 127p, and Cable and Wireless, 16p off at

Keep an eye on Berisford, the Magnet joinery group, where bid talks with a mystery suitor have broken down. The shares finished 1p lower at 138p in a battered market, with speculators looking for another bidder to emerge. Premark, the US group floated off from Tupperware last year, is tipped.

suitable undertaking were given. As part of the deal BA and AA had to give up 168 take-off slots at Heathrow Airport. This caused BA to run into turbulence, losing 12p to 579p.

GEC fell 2p to 363p as George Simpson, the new chief executive, began to make his presence felt and the group also chose to underline the problems posed by a strong pound. Mr Simpson is undertaking a big review of the

437p, all of which have sizeable exposure to the Pacific Basin.

Northern Electric, a takeover target, clawed back an early 10p deficit to end the session 1p firmer at 602p after rejecting increased terms from CE Electric, the US power generator. The US power group has raised its offer to 650p a share, valuing Northern at £658 million.

The rest of the electric sector lost ground with the rest of the

market. There were falls for London, 12p to 646p, National Power, 5p to 453p, Northern Ireland Electricity, 10p to 356p, Scottish Power, 7p to 338p and Yorkshire Electricity, 6p to 757p.

Great Universal Stores continued to lose ground, falling 26p to 625p on the back of some disappointing figures earlier in the week. In spite of last month's £1 billion acquisition of Experian, the US credit-rating agency, it stretches the fall on the week to 58p.

Reed International also continued to beat a hasty retreat, falling 11p to 107.6p in the wake of the gloomy trading statement from Reed Elsevier, the trading company it owns jointly with Elsevier, the Dutch publishing group.

Jarvis lost an early lead to end 2p easier at 138p before the announcement of interim figures on Monday. Ten fund managers made a visit to the group's operations yesterday.

Hay & Robertson, the sports and leisurewear group, marked time at 113p in a falling market after signing up Ruud Gullit, player-manager of Chelsea Football Club. He has signed a five-year contract to endorse a new range of branded leisurewear and accessories to be called Ruud.

GILT-EDGED: The comments from Mr Greenspan rocked the market, with losses among longer dated coupons stretching to almost 1p in places. It refocused attention on the possibility of another rise in domestic interest rates.

The position was made worse by the news that Sir John Gorst, a Tory backbencher, had resigned the whip, wiping out the Government's overall majority. But the market took heart from flat industrial production in October to close above the worst levels of the day.

In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt ended down 27.25p at 108.75p as the number of contracts completed grew to 124,000.

In longs, Treasury 8 to cent 2015 dropped 81.1p to close at 102.1p, while in shorts, Treasury 8 to cent 2000 was five ticks off at 102.3p.

NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks cut about half their steep losses after a wild morning of trading that saw the Dow Jones industrial average plunge more than 140 points. At midday, the index was down 57.02 points at 6,380.08.

## New York (midday):

Dow Jones 6380.08 (-57.02)

S&amp;P Composite 737.30 (-4.53)

## Tokyo:

Nikkei Average 20276.70 (-667.23)

## Hong Kong:

Hang Seng 13102.75 (-388.83)

## Amsterdam:

EEX Index 616.26 (-12.16)

## Sydney:

AO 2313.9 (-49.4)

## Frankfurt:

DAX 2291.96 (-117.56)

## Singapore:

Straits 2190.99 (-53.78)

## Brussels:

General 10378.77 (-144.73)

## Paris:

CAC-40 2240.72 (-51.28)

## Zurich:

SIX Gen 812.40 (-16.43)

## London:

FT 30 1740.7 (-58.4)

FT 100 3963.0 (-88.2)

FTSE Mid 250 4348.1 (-67.7)

FTSE 500 1764.3 (-42.9)

FTSE Europe 100 1847.18 (-46.58)

FT All-Share 1942.22 (-41.57)

FT Non Financials 2020.14 (-38.9)

FT Financials 1477.18 (-10.2)

FT Govt Sec 53.50 (-1.21)

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SEAD Volume 726.30

US\$ (Domestic) 158.0 (-1.1)

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Bank of England official rate 6.00%

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Druid Corp 309 - 5

Exeter Inv 97% - 1

Fininvest Ind Hedge 623% - 7

First Russian Pnc C 580 - 7

Gulf Tele (118) 128% - 1

Guthrie Trs 122% - 1

Granchester Hldgs 130 - 1

Kern River 50% - 1

Oliver Ashworth 131% - 3

Provent (125) 124% - 3

Recycling Serv 98% - 1

Sci Utilisatn Hds 138 - 1

Second St David Inc 110% - 2

Second St David Res 9% - 1

Simple Cochrane 208% - 16

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Bodycote n/p (600) 99% - 7

INVECO n/p (220) 43 - 4

More Group n/p (300) 17% - 3

Sala n/p (60) 6% - 2

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## RISKS:

BTR 237p (+7p)

## FALLS:

CPL Aromes 185p (-31p)

Corona 149p (-17p)

Shield Dig 118p (-9p)

Eve Group (19p)

MAD 222p (-15p)

Fine Art Dev 230p (-15p)

Group of Fraser 181p (-10p)

Holders Tech 187p (-10p)

Waste Res 187p (-12p)

Rogers &amp; Bower 389p (-25p)

Rogers n/p 281p (-18p)

Barbour Index 302p (-18p)

Sage Group 505p (-25p)

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## Greenspan blues

GONE are the days when a bullish stock market was deemed to be good news. Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, is worried that rising asset prices could be inflationary and his musings late on Thursday ("Where do we draw the line on what prices matter?") sent the Nikkei index into a nosedive, followed by European markets on Friday morning. His concern is understandable. Wall Street's bull market looks unstoppable and we in Britain ought to understand how inflation in capital assets can feed through to consumer prices - remortgaging of houses is a good example.

However, the concern is not bricks and mortar but financial assets. US house prices are rising, but only by 4.5 per cent. In the UK, they are enjoying a surge but after years of stagnation, it hardly represents grounds for a

panic interest rate increase. But the US stock market is hardly a bubble; corporate earnings growth is solid, enough to justify an average price earnings multiple of 18 times for 1996, compared to 15 times in London where a space of profit warnings is holding back prices.

Will the cash soaked up in stocks and shares feed an inflationary spiral? In the US, personal pensions, the new 401K plans, are keeping the pot bubbling but such long-term money should not be a lever for consumer price inflation. And in the UK, the institutions have been keeping cash on deposit, rather than chasing shares.

Greenspan fears a 1990s Japanese-style market bubble but we are a long way from that. Ironically the weak Tokyo market suffered worst from his musings - but excess was always a Japanese phenomenon.

## GEC

THE PROSPECT of George Simpson at the helm of GEC built up heavy expectations in the City, but since his arrival in September, the share price has been running in the other direction.

This disappointment cannot entirely be laid at his door - the man is reported to have been on a grand tour of Lord Weinstock's demise. Nevertheless, hopes are high that the current "strategic review of all aspects of the group" will generate more value for shareholders who tire of seeing their funds held on deposit in GEC bank accounts. Yet confidence is not improved by suggestions that the new strategy will not be unveiled until June.

Still, positive news could well emerge before then. The recent share price fall had

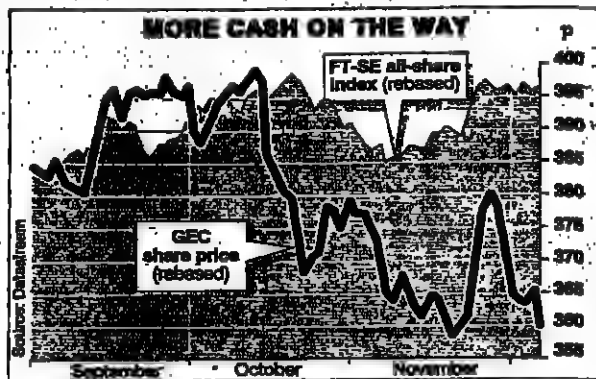
## much to do with disappointment over the French Government's decision to turn down Alcatel's offer for Thomson.

Alcatel is GEC's partner in GEC-Alsthom and the British company would like to merge Marconi with Thomson-CSF, the defence electronics company. This week's about-turn on the

## rival bidder, Lagardere

could leave the door slightly ajar for GEC.

More certain is the prospect of disposals. Some £17 billion of non-core businesses could be on the block. More liquidity increases the pressure to invest but with ample funds GEC is in pole position to lead a European defence combine.



## NTT

JAPAN is the Holy Grail of the telecommunications industry. Asia's wealthiest market ought to be a magnet to the world's big phone companies. Even the likes of AT&T, BT-MCI and Deutsche Telekom cannot make a claim to global status without a foothold in Japan.

Easier said than done. The key to unlocking Japan has always been Nippon Telegraph and Telephone, the world's largest phone company by turnover. But the month is controlled by the Government and, therefore, lacks independence and has little flexibility. Dragging the Japanese telecoms market into the modern world by dismantling NTT has been under discussion since AT&T did the splits in the early 1980s. But nothing has happened and the latest developments are more cosmetic than structural. NTT is to be broken into three bits - two regional companies covering

eastern and western Japan and a long-distance business that will also offer international services. But the restructuring will not happen until 1999 at the earliest and the trio will still be controlled by the Government. The status quo has therefore been preserved.

This is a huge disappointment to large American and European carriers. They wanted NTT broken into competing units that might exchange a stake in the Japanese market for a link with an overseas partner. But the industry remains a closed shop. AT&T, BT-MCI will have to find open doors elsewhere in Asia.

## Northern Elec

ONE of the few shares to rise on the London market yesterday was Northern Electric, the US bidder, close to increasing its offer and to set a closing deadline of December 20. At least by then the Ameri-

cans should have heard whether their bid will be referred to the Monopolies Commission. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, has until December 16 to decide whether to wave through the financially challenged bidder.

The Americans might yet find a failing market serves Northern up to them on a silver platter. They might also find exchange rates working against them. Recent sterling strength is reckoned to have reduced their room for manoeuvre by 10p a share, against the 650p put on the table yesterday and the 700p offered in pre-bid talks.

The big issue in this bid is gearing. Northern was already in hock because of the shareholder package paralled up to see off Trafalgar almost two years ago. If the bid goes ahead CE will be geared up 186 per cent. A thought for Mr Lang to mull on over the weekend.

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## MOVERS OF THE WEEK

| Current price               | Week's change | Notes                             |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Royal Electronics 252.50    | +25p          | Profits warning                   |
| LucasVarley 228p            | +25p          | Restructuring/writing off         |
| British Gas 215p            | +10p          | Take-or-pay contract/damper plans |
| Dorling Kindersley 428p     | +10p          | Strong pound will hurt profits    |
| Albright & Wilson 165p      | +10p          | Customer loss/profit downgrading  |
| Great Universal Stores 225p | +10p          | Disappointing figures             |
| Grubbe 154p                 | +20p          | Agreed bid from Headlam           |
| Crown Products 211p         | +12p          | Profit warning                    |
| Reed International 110.76p  | +7p           | Reed Elsevier gloomy outlook      |

## COMMODITIES

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| Dec   | 122 1/2 | 112  | 49      | 25 1/2 | 11     | 4    |
| Jan   | 150     | 112  | 80 1/2  | 54 1/2 | 33 1/2 | 30   |
| Feb   | 177 1/2 | 141  | 108 1/2 | 80     | 55 1/2 | 37   |





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Those share giveaways are set to continue

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## THE TIMES PERSONAL FINANCE NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

# Are house prices set to blow a fuse in 1997?

Experts now believe that house prices will rise by 7 per cent next year. The statistics are becoming reminiscent of the Eighties property boom, with some predicting that the market will follow the same "boom and bust" pattern.

Steve Bell, chief economist at Morgan Grenfell, is one of the pessimists. Mr Bell's past record of property market predictions is good. He can claim to have been the first to forecast the effect of the ending of double mortgage tax relief in August 1988 which fuelled the scramble for homes that year. Soon afterwards, prices climbed by around 34 per cent a year, with one-year rises of 70 per cent in some areas.

Mr Bell believes that the house prices could begin to get out of control next year. It is expected that the current regional variations will continue in the new year, with the South and especially London experiencing the biggest rises and Yorkshire and East Anglia showing virtually no price increases at all.

David Gilchrist, Halifax general manager, said: "House prices in Greater London are suffering from double-digit inflation." House prices rose by 10.1 per cent on average with some parts of the capital showing even larger increases, according to the Land Registry. Prices in Hampstead have risen by 13 per cent this year, in Kingston by 10 per cent, while prices in Middlesbrough and Blackheath have risen by 2 per cent.

In the South East as a whole, house price inflation reached about 8 per cent in the third quarter. However, in East Anglia house price inflation reached only 2 per cent.

Mr Gilchrist said: "East Anglia is a bit of a puzzle, but it rose very sharply during the previous house-price boom."

Mr Bell believes that these differences arise from economic factors. Prices in southern England are being buoyed by wage increases and rising employment. These improvements have yet to spread to some areas of the North. He said: "The South is further down the economic cycle than the North. Unemployment is

Caroline Merrell asks the experts if we really are seeing a return to the 1980s boom

lower and wage-rises have been higher. House prices rises are linked to wage rises. London prices are, in particular, being supported by large City bonuses. Late last month one prospective purchaser found himself gazzumped by another buyer willing to pay £90,000 more for a large Chiswick family house. Nationally, certain other types of property are not so sought after and little improvement is expected next year.

For example, many former council tenants who bought their flats under the right-to-buy legislation have found their homes are virtually unsaleable because societies refuse to lend against certain types of property. Another hindrance to a return to the booming house prices of the late Eighties is the fact that about 800,000 homeowners still have loans that are bigger than their property's value.

Each 1 per cent rise in house prices lifts 100,000 people out of the negative-equity trap. It would take an 8 per cent rise to clear everyone out entirely, in spite of the Chancellor's confidence at the time of last month's Budget. He said: "I hope that negative equity can soon be consigned to the economic history books. The housing recovery is firmly established."

This year, prices will have risen by an average 7 per cent, according to the Halifax Building Society, the largest rise for four years, but well

below the 13 per cent level reached in 1989. Prices rose for the fifth month in succession in November. This one-month rise of 0.5 per cent is less than a third of October's unprecedented rise of 1.7 per cent.

At the beginning of this year, both the Nationwide and the Halifax were predicting that prices would rise by 5 per cent. Both have now upped their forecasts to 7 per cent, maintaining their record of fallibility on this issue.

Mr Gilchrist believes that the small increase in interest rates instigated by some lenders after the base-rate change six weeks ago will not have a strong effect. "This is a real recovery," Northern Rock, Coventry and Abbey National all raised their rates last week.

Abbey and Coventry increased their variable rate by 0.25 per cent, while Northern Rock went up 0.5 per cent. The latter increased its rates by double the base-rate rise because it felt that the Government was sure to raise rates after next week's meeting between the Chancellor and Bank of England. Abbey's rate now stands at 7.29 per cent for those with loans of under £60,000, and 7.24 per cent for those with loans of over £60,000. Northern Rock's rate is 7.49 per cent while Coventry's rate is 7.25 per cent.

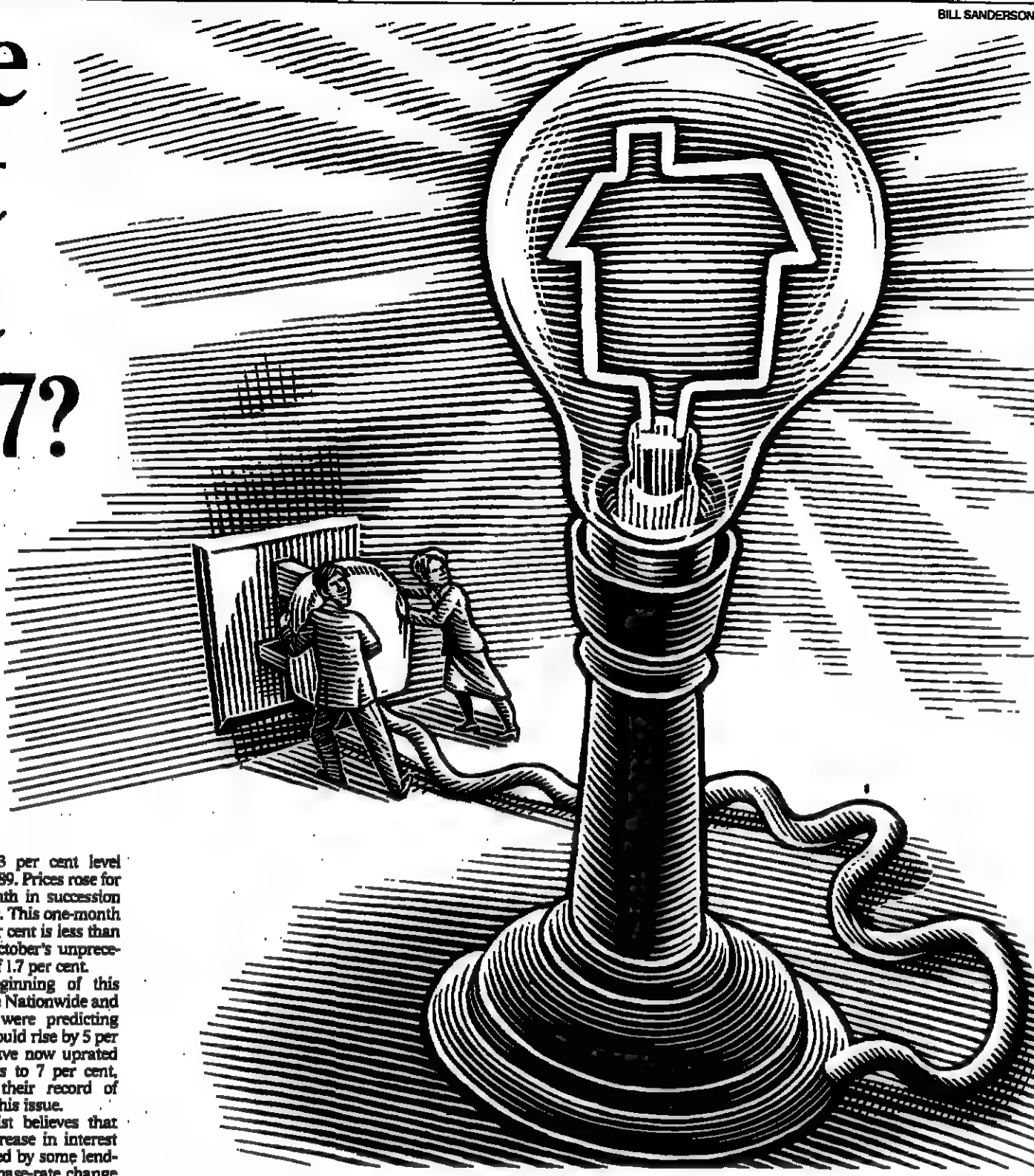
Mortgage brokers believe that those considering taking out a mortgage should look at a five-year capped or fixed-rate loan. They think that while these loans have interest rates above the current rate, they

represent a good deal because rates are almost certain to rise — they are already doing so.

Capped rates are where the interest rates are guaranteed not to go up above a certain amount. John Charcol recommends a five-year capped rate of 7.9 per cent from Coventry and a four-year 7.95 per cent capped rate from the Skipton.

However, the prospect of a general election means demand for houses could start to flatten next spring, according to Kevin Cannack, an analyst with Merrill Lynch. There are still fears that a socialist government will tax the rich and put up interest rates, both of which will affect the affordability of homes.

Rob Thomas, analyst with UBS, says Labour has reversed its plans to abolish mortgage interest tax relief which, although now worth little in cash terms, is still psychologically important to prospective buyers.



## Halifax soothes anxious members

The Halifax Building Society, which is planning to become a bank, acted to reassure savers and borrowers yesterday after some qualifying members received letters telling them their balances were too low to merit a payout of free shares (Marianne Curphey writes).

The society, which intends to float on the stock market next June, said members with several accounts might receive more than one letter, despite efforts to "deduplicate" customers' records.

A Halifax Building Society spokesman said: "Some members have a number of accounts in slightly different names and we want to make sure that we contact everybody. We are sending out 13 million letters and some of them will go to the same house. If people who know they qualify have not received a letter by Wednesday, they should contact their local branch or the general freephone number."

The society is sending out letters to clarify individuals' eligibility for the free shares in the £10 billion conversion. The spokesman said: "We want people to check their details now, while there is time to sort things out. We need to ensure that the information is correct before we start sending out transfer documents and voting papers for the conversion."

Details of the conversion will arrive at qualifying members' homes next month.

The Halifax Building Society freephone number is 0800 568544.

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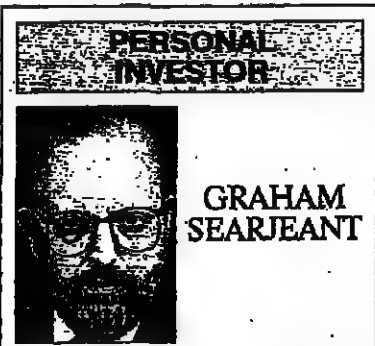
## No exuberance over Gas

Irrational exuberance is in the eye of the beholder. If the average greybeard says young folks are overdoing it, that is sour grapes. A week ago, Robin Griffiths, chairman of HSBC James Capel compared Wall Street to Old Man River. "Against all effort, reason and logic, the flow just goes on." It is different when the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, chief lock-keeper on Old Man River, raps market traders over the knuckles.

Alan Greenspan is famously inscrutable, well aware that screenwatchers blink at his every nuance. When he mused publicly late on Thursday that 1987-style crashes need not be such a bad thing, he would not be shocked and horrified when markets reacted. Greenspanologists deduced that he wanted to avoid putting interest rates up but was embarrassed by inflation in financial markets and wanted to talk prices down.

In an accident of global markets, foreigners got the message first. They were not inclined to call the great man's bluff. Orders went out for Tupperware heavy corrections. Far East shares fell 3 per cent. The FT-SE 100 index fell 4 per cent before lunch. Tokyo, Hong Kong and London had caught a cold before Wall Street sneezed. As argued here a month ago, speculators have managed to inject instability back into financial markets. Tamed traders will want to play it for all it is worth.

Contagion aside, however, you could hardly accuse London of irrational exuberance. At Thursday's close, the FT-SE index was up 10 per cent in 1996, compared with a 25 per cent rise in New York's Dow Jones average. One crucial



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reason is that the index of top British companies contains a large pack of dogs. Two of the mangiest barked this week. Hanson is halfway through a metamorphosis to which it is committed. British Gas will ask 1.7 million investors to sanction one in February.

Recent history should not give shareholders, big or small, any cause to have blind faith in their board. They should tell the directors to rethink when they have a clearer idea of what is going on. On known facts, the metamorphosis would turn British Gas into a slightly smaller, mangier, dog plus a puppy. Behind costly new corporate branding, the main point of the proposed demerger is to slash dividends. This might be in managers' interest, but not investors'.

Centrica, the much-depleted gas supply business buttressed by the Morecambe Bay gas field, does not initially expect to pay dividends. No wonder. Computer chaos will make it hard to know its income even before competition in supplying households bites.

Centrica's future rests on sorting out the remaining 90 per cent of surplus fixed-price gas contracts the company was left with by its regulator's whims. That may mean handing over Morecambe. If this can be tidied up, Centrica would become a national distribution arm for a multi-utility, to be fought over by National Power and PowerGen. Until then, the shares are option money.

BG plc, the bigger dog, would combine the TransCo pipeline system, North Sea and foreign assets. When the plan was devised, TransCo looked safe. Ofgas thought otherwise. Unless the Monopolies Commission takes account of the 8 per cent yield on Gas shares and restores most Ofgas cuts, TransCo will become a semi-socialised utility. Shareholders would want to withdraw their equity as fast as possible. Yet the plan for BG plc would dedicate only TransCo's current cost profits to dividends, implying a cut from 14.5p to 6p and falling.

In market terms, it would make no sense to saddle a cash-hungry oil and gas business with a high-risk, high-yield utility. Investors would understandably value it on its worst aspects, demanding a high yield on a low dividend. If the utility were quoted separately, the high cost of capital forced on it by bad regulation would be clear. Investors could also insist on withdrawing cash. Dividends should at least be maintained in real terms, replacing equity with debt as required. This could not be done if TransCo were combined with the low-yield exploration business.

City institutions and private investors alike should prepare to block this plan.

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Societies, like Britt Eldand, are making dreams come true

# Party well worth £100 ticket

Anne Ashworth and Nathan Yates say the share giveaways are expected to continue for some time

The Christmas spending spree can put a strain on any wallet. But, like the good fairy in the pantomime, those building societies planning to become banks next year will restore the tattered finances of millions of households. The flotation of the Norwich Union will also work a transformation on millions of bank balances. Furthermore, although many of the remaining societies make much of allegiance to mutual status, the possibility remains that many may yet merge or convert, enriching members in the process.

The only spectre threatening this £16 billion party is the dispute over the new Building Societies Bill. The Alliance & Leicester, in particular, has objected to the proposal in the Bill to remove the five-year period of protection now covering any building society, shedding its mutual status.

After discussions with Treasury ministers, the A&L said that it was reviewing its flotation plans. But it now seems that either a compromise will be reached, or, according to a Whitehall source, that no parliamentary time will be found for the Bill before the general election, allowing its controversial measures to be quietly forgotten.

Qualifying members (savers and borrowers) with the Halifax should each receive an average of £1,000 in free

Halifax shares, with some larger savers getting as much as £8,000. The society is currently writing to members, asking them to confirm their account details to ensure that they receive their full share entitlement.

Those tempted to deplete their accounts to finance Christmas spending should remember that the months of waiting will be wasted if they allow their balances to fall below the crucial £100 on December 31.

Members of the Alliance & Leicester gather next Tuesday at the London Arena in Docklands to vote on the society's conversion. Sufficient postal votes have already been received to ensure a "yes" vote.

But protests are still likely from the vociferous action group of larger savers who argue that the society should not be giving the same number of shares (£250) to each member, but making a variable distribution based on the amount invested, such as the Halifax and Woolwich. Priced at between 385p and 435p, these shares should be worth about £1,000. Like the Halifax, the Woolwich has reminded its members that they must have £100 in their accounts at December 31, 1996, or forfeit their average £1,000 worth of free shares.

The Northern Rock will reveal whether it is planning a

basic or a variable distribution early next year. But a basic distribution is considered to be the most likely. Here, the average payout will be £900. Yet again, members must not let their balances fall below £100 on December 31.

The £100 at December 31 also applies to members of the Bristol & West, which is being taken over by the Bank of Ireland. Two-year savers—those who have had share accounts since December 31 1994—will get a fixed payout of at least £500 in cash, plus a percentage of their balance up to £10,000, with an average payout of £1,000 per member. Those who have been with the society for two years but did not have £100 in their accounts on April 15 can top up their accounts to get a fixed cash distribution of at least £250. Qualifying savers who do not have two years' standing with the society plus all borrowers will get £250 worth of Bristol & West preference shares.

The Norwich Union, at present a mutual company, will also join the stock market next year. Life, pension and annuity customers will benefit, picking up £800 worth of free shares. But health, house and contents and motor policyholders and unit trust investors do not qualify.

Those who have lost out on all these deals can take some comfort. One analyst said: "I wouldn't rule out mergers and

| Building Society     | Estimated Payout | Date due       | Qualification requirements   |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| Alliance & Leicester | £1,000           | April/May 1997 | £100 or more in account on October 14 1996 in any account open at December 31 1996. Special general meeting December 10 1996 (0345 622655) |
| Halifax              | £1,000           | June 1997      | £100 or more in account on December 31 1996. Special general meeting February 1997 (0800 888888)   |
| Woolwich             | £1,000           | July 1997      | £100 or more in an account on December 31 1996. Special general meeting February 1997 (0345 622655)  |
| Bristol & West       | £1,000           | July 1997      | £100 or more in an account on April 15 1996, open at December 31 1996. No date fixed for special general meeting (0800 888888)             |
| Northern Rock        | £1,000           | October 1997   | £500 in an account on April 2 1996 and £100 in account on December 31 1996 and at least £1 at the date of conversion                       |

conversions among any of the remaining 20 societies. "Birmingham Midshires is probably the best candidate for flotation right now. Nationwide is the largest remaining mutual, and although the management says it will stay that way there are several companies interested in a merger. My advice to savers is to make sure that they have a share account which qualifies them for full membership, gives them the right to vote and makes them eligible for a payment. The legal qualification requirement is a balance of £100 or more, though some societies also make other stipulations regarding the type of account and the length of time it has been held." One expert put the following figures on potential payouts: Birmingham Midshires (£705); Bradford & Bingley (£1,000); Nationwide (£750); Britannia (£1,000); Yorkshire (£1,000); Portman (£750); Coventry (£800); Skipton (£800); Leeds & Holbeck (£750); Chelsea (£1,300); Derbyshire (£800); West Bromwich (£700) and Norwich & Peterborough (£700).

Helen Pridham looks at the redemption penalties in some fixed-rate mortgages

## Home loans that come with a sting in the tail

Fears of more rate rises and a change of government are leading more than two thirds of borrowers to opt for fixed-rate mortgages. But there is growing concern that these are bothering to check the redemption penalties that are the sting in the tail of many attractive offers.

Although some lenders have recently modified their policies, many still tie in borrowers not only during the fixed-rate period but for some years after. The Halifax, for example, last month launched a new range of fixed-rate mortgages with redemption fees that apply only during the fixed-rate period and discounted variable-rate loans with no redemption fees at all. However, these changes do not benefit existing borrowers with extended redemption penalty clauses.

Fixed-interest mortgages have become increasingly popular in recent years. Some large lenders report that as much as 60 to 70 per cent of their new lending is now on a fixed-rate basis. Fixed-rate periods range from two years to ten years or more. Philip Cartwright of London & Country Mortgages said: "Until recently, fixed-rate loans of two to three years have been popular, but the emphasis has now switched more to five-year fixes to take people through the term of the next government." A fixed-rate deal can have significant advantages.

If general mortgage rates rise during the period, you could pay substantially less than if you had had a standard variable-rate loan.

It also makes budgeting easier because you know exactly what your outgoings will be over the period. In the past couple of years some very competitive rates have been available. But many borrowers have not realised that many fixed-rate mortgages include still penalty clauses not only if you want to redeem your mortgage within the fixed-rate period but also for several years after. The penalties may be related to general interest rates at the time or to the size of your loan: some are tiered according to how long you have had the loan. They not only affect people who want to arrange, say, a new fixed-rate mortgage at the end of the original term but also apply to those who merely

want to make a partial repayment of their loan.

Until its recent announcement, the Halifax imposed extended redemption penalties offering, for example, two-year fixed-rate loans with redemption penalties stretching for a total of seven years—five

have to recoup the cost through the redemption penalties," it said.

However, at least one lender has questioned the legality of such extended penalties. At Midland Bank, where penalties on fixed-rate loans apply only in the fixed-rate period, David Massie, head of mortgages, said: "Not only do I believe extended redemption penalties are immoral, our legal advisers have expressed the view that these lock-in clauses could fall foul of the 'unfair contracts directive' that came into force this year. It has not been tested in court yet but, in a couple of years when some aggrieved borrowers realise what they have been sold, a court case could well result which would be very bad publicity." The Halifax says the change of heart on extended redemption penalties is because it no longer offers such cut-price rates. "We

wanted to position our mortgage rates at a more sensible level now that the housing market is picking up in order to avoid the overheating which occurred in the late 1980s." The society admits that the new policy will not help existing borrowers with extended redemption penalty loans but says that if such borrowers want to switch to other Halifax loans after the end of the fixed-rate period then their case would be considered and a "halfway house solution" found regarding payment of the penalty.

Although lenders say they will not normally waive redemption penalties, many agree they might be prepared to consider cases on their merits and as a gesture of goodwill if a borrower took out another loan. There are a small number of lenders without any redemption penalties on fixed-rate loans at any time. The Portman and NatWest both offer loans with rates fixed until 1998 with no penalties, though NatWest said it is a one-off.

The C&G has fixed-rate deals without penalties, and lower-rate deals with extended penalties, while the Woolwich has loans available with limited and extended penalty clauses. At London & Country Mortgages, Philip Cartwright said: "Generally, the lower the fixed rate, the lengthier the redemption period."

| Lender                                     | Penalty | Fixed Rate | Fixed until | Redemption Penalty Period | Redemption payable after fixed rate |
|--|---------|------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Lenders with Extended Redemption Penalties |         |            |             |                           |                                     |
| Bank of Ireland                            | £       | 4.95       | 1/6/98      | 1/1/01                    | 1,810                               |
| Northern Rock                              | £       | 4.25       | 1/1/99      | Six years                 | 2,500                               |
| Bristol & West                             | £       | 4.25       | 1/1/01      | 30/9/02                   | 1,748                               |
| Lenders with Limited Redemption Penalties  |         |            |             |                           |                                     |
| Woolwich                                   | £       | 7.50       | 1/1/99      | 1/1/99                    | -                                   |
| Halifax                                    | £       | 7.45       | 31/3/99     | 31/3/99                   | -                                   |
| TSB  | £       | 7.50       | 31/1/02     | 31/1/02                   | -                                   |
| Lenders with No Redemption Penalties       |         |            |             |                           |                                     |
| Portman                                    | £       | 6.50       | 1/6/98      | None                      | -                                   |
| NatWest                                    | £       | 6.75       | 31/12/99    | None                      | -                                   |
| Cheltenham & Gloucester                    | £       | 6.25       | 5 years     | None                      | -                                   |

Source: London & Country Mortgages

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## Blowing whistle on loan penalties

For mortgage lenders, the impending general election is proving the perfect fixed-rate loan selling opportunity, allowing them to play on fears of rising interest rates and uncertainty. As we report on page 30, two thirds of borrowers at some banks and building societies are now opting for the reassurance of a set monthly payment. However, as with politicians, the promises of lenders may not stand the closest scrutiny.

Some are still charging onerous redemption penalties on their fixed-rate offers (see page 30) for those with the temerity to transfer to a competitor, or repay a chunk of the debt. In some cases, the penalties do not apply only during the fixed-rate period but for some years thereafter. This enforced loyalty ensures that the customer pays the full price for his discount. However, the end may be near for such



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extended penalties, as they could well be illegal under the new unfair contracts directive. Something good from Europe, perhaps?

### Numbers lesson

AS the debate continued over whether school examinations are getting easier, a campaign began this week for a new GCSE in a subject that few have found a pushover. The Personal

Finance Education Group (PFE) wants to see money matters added to the curriculum. The organisation's backers argue that pupils may know lots about history, biology and trigonometry but have no idea whether a PEP is an obscure salad vegetable or a badie in a computer game.

The result of this ignorance is, they say, a huge burden on the State, almost equivalent to the £38 billion cost of the whole education

budget. Since people do not know how to manage their finances, they get into debt, go bankrupt, get repossessed, or fail to provide for old age. The result is that they become dependent on welfare, or a shrinking state pension.

The PFE's aims are certainly laudable. But if they are put into practice, no special reverence should attach to its backers, the great and good of the financial services industry, including NatWest, the Association of British Insurers and the Association of Investment Trust Companies.

Those who manage their money well are sceptical, questioning whether a well-known name guarantees superior quality and dubiety about any claim to better than average performance until it is proven. As in other disciplines, personal finance teachers should encourage pupils' critical faculties.

Gavin Lumsden with a timely tax warning for investors

## Early to bed next year

Investors planning to "bed and breakfast" their shares in order to get the most out of their capital gains tax allowance should do so early next year, leading stockbrokers say. They blame the introduction of Crest, the City's new computerised share trading system, which they say creates more paperwork in processing bed and breakfasting deals than the certificate-based Talisman system it is supposed to replace by April.

Investors can accrue up to £6,300 a year tax-free by selling shares before they are hit by the 40 per cent tax on capital gains (last week's Budget increased this to £6,500 for 1997-98 tax year). In bed and breakfasting investors sell some shares one day and buy them back again the next, to ensure the threshold is not breached. In spite of its name, no travelling is involved — the furthest from home you have to go is your broker's office. The shares take a holiday not the investor.

The bulk of bed and breakfasting is done at the end of the tax year in March when investors can calculate how much capital gains they have accrued. For example, investors with £9,000 of gain, will sell stocks in which they show a loss to bring them down to the threshold. However, if investors have gained only £1,000 over the year they may consid-



Shared responsibility: Ronald Reagan and Diana Lynn had no deadlines in *Bedtime for Bonzo*

er crystallising gains in profitable shares to take them up to the £6,300 limit.

However, you might consider bed and breakfasting earlier if one of your shares does badly, like Rascal, the electronics and communications firm which fell 18 per cent last Monday. Buying back a stock when it has dropped like a stone can be a useful way of establishing a loss that can be offset against future gains elsewhere in your portfolio.

Regardless of when bed and breakfasting is done, it involves linking two different

transactions: the sale and the repurchase. Brokers have found that this linkage is easier on Talisman, enabling them to close off the deals from the system, allowing them to avoid exchanging share certificates. Crest, on which 40 per cent of the business on the Stock Exchange is currently done, for all its 21st century technology, cannot do this. As a result, bed and breakfasting deals involving shares on Crest could take longer and be more expensive.

Although Crest may develop the facility later, it will not be

ready by April, the deadline for any bed and breakfasting deals.

Bob Howe, administration partner at Redmayne & Bentley, a Leeds broker, says although brokers can manually manipulate Crest to close off transactions, many have chosen not to. Those that have not will require clients with shares on Crest to hand over their certificates, sign transfer forms and wait for new certificates to be posted out. Not only will this add time, which can be in short supply in the last days of March, but they may

charge investors two sets of fees for doing so.

Mr Howe advises: "Find out what system your shares will be settled in and ask the broker what his charges are before you commit yourself. If it is a Crest deal you could find a better bargain elsewhere."

Although Brevin Dolphin, the big independent broker, is unable to close off bed and breakfasting deals, it waives its fee on the repurchase and deliberately takes a day longer to settle the sale than the repurchase. By settling both deals on the same day the company avoids any money changing hands.

According to the Association of Private Client Investment Managers and Stockbrokers, charges on the first £5,000-£7,000 of business range are about 1.6 per cent.

Iain Saville, chairman of CrestCo, the company which runs Crest, said the difficulty of running bed and breakfasting deals was not a fault of the system. "We are waiting for clarification from the Inland Revenue. Quite properly they want to see buy and sell totally separate," he said. But Justin Urquhart Stewart, business planning director at Barclays Stockbrokers, said: "The issue of bed and breakfasting has never been formally approved. If CrestCo are waiting for Revenue approval they'll have a long wait."

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# Diane's dilemma



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cent whichever is the lower. Peter Timberlake, Legal & General pensions expert, said: "Many people act on an emotional basis. They think 'You made me redundant, so I'm going to take my pension

**Diane Carter had only four years' pension contributions**

ore retirement age. You would keep your pension rights but will have to work hard at keeping in touch. The Pensions Tracing Agency in Newcastle helps pensioners who have lost contact with a previous employer's pension scheme.

The deciding factor will be the final reckoning: is the transfer value of your pension sufficient to buy in a personal pension plan at least those benefits that you would get in the company scheme? To work that out, you do need independent financial advice. After the mis-selling scandals, there are now tighter procedures for

If you had worked for a large, blue-chip company it would make sense to freeze your pension. But there is a possibility that the company you worked for could close or be taken over, especially as you have another 30 years be-

pension forecasts and the figures should show you whether it is worth transferring. If you can afford £60-£100 an hour, you can use the Society of Pension Consultants. - Ludgate House, Ludgate Circus, London EC4A 2AB (0171 353 1688).

# Care cover back on the agenda

With these, a lump sum is put in an investment fund from which regular premiums are deducted to fund a long-term care policy. These products have a cash-in value and if the policyholder dies without needing care, any residual value can be passed to beneficiaries.

**A**t present, only a few companies offer these products but at least two new entrants are expected in 1997. The first to launch a product two years ago was Scottish Amicable European. Its success in attracting £85 million has encouraged others. This year Irish Life International and PPF have launched products, while Skandia Ltd is to launch a scheme in the new year. In order to make the products tax efficient and more affordable, all of the companies apart from PPF are situated offshore: Scottish Amicable European and Irish Life International are based in Jersey, Dublin, while Skandia's new product will be sold from the Isle of Man.

these products. Martin, Telling of the Falcon Group in Bristol, a specialist in selling insurance advice, says he also heads a working group on the subject for the Independent Financial Advisers Association, said: "The fact that most of these products are sold by offshore companies is cause for concern. If the tax regime changes under a Labour Government, it will alter costings within the products."

He added that people should look critically at the cover provided. "Scottish Amicable's plan, for example, does not actually give people access to any counselling or help with arranging care if it becomes necessary as a number of other providers do. I believe this is a very important part of any long-term care insurance package as elderly people often need assistance at this difficult time." He is happy with PPP's Lifetime Care. Bond where a healthy man of 65 can buy cover for £1,000 a month for fees for a £250,000 investment.

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# Life insurers tighten up on ME claims

Gavin Lumsden says medical uncertainty has hit payments

An increasing number of people suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) and myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) are encountering problems with their life insurers, according to the ME Association. This week it was disclosed that the Duchess of Kent was among the victims and had been advised by her doctors to cut back on her commitments.

More than 150,000 people are estimated to have developed ME in this country after catching a viral infection after prolonged fatigue. In addition to debilitating muscle pain and tiredness, sufferers experience insomnia and acute difficulties with concentration and comprehension. The Royal College of Physicians reckons that up to a million people could suffer from CFS.

Doctors, however, are divided as to whether CFS or ME are specific illnesses or just a collection of symptoms in which fatigue dominates. They also disagree over whether the roots are mental or physiological.

The passions behind the debate exploded into public in

August when Dr Thomas Stuttaford of *The Times* and Esther Rantzen, the television presenter, engaged in an ill-tempered television debate over whether ME was a clinical or an imagined condition.

The RCP has since completed a study into CFS, which, though authoritative, was unable to make definitive conclusions about its nature.

Such uncertainty has caused CFS sufferers problems in the past when they have tried to claim on permanent health insurance policies. Numerous cases arose, three years ago when some insurers either refused to recognise CFS as an illness or argued that its symptoms predated the policies being taken out.

Charles Shepherd, medical director at the ME Association, says that, after a lull, UK insurers are picking up on a trend in the US to tighten up on the large number of claims from CFS sufferers. Those

who do have problems with their PHI policies should go through their insurers' internal appeals procedure. If this fails to satisfy, Dr Shepherd advises contacting the insurance ombudsman and obtaining a medical report from a consultant experienced in CFS before taking legal advice.

People considering taking out a PHI policy should avoid those that exclude mental illness, as this will inevitably cause them problems if they develop CFS.

This is graphically illustrated by the case of Mary Baker, a 46-year-old CFS sufferer from New Zealand, who is fighting Zurich Life, the Swiss company, after it stopped paying out on her PHI policy. Its contract contains a clause that stops payments after two years if the policyholder's inability to work is related to a mental or nervous disorder.

Ms Baker was working as a life insurance broker at the US Air Force base in Aviano, Italy, when she decided to buy a PHI policy from Europa IMG, a financial adviser based in Horsham, West Sussex, which has since been renamed Goodhealth.

The policy, which was underwritten by Zurich Life in London, guaranteed to pay her NZ\$24,000 a year in quarterly instalments if she became disabled. At the end of 1993, while working as a volunteer in Croatia, she collapsed with physical exhaustion, and on returning to Aviano was diagnosed with CFS.

Unable to work she sent off her claim to Europa. She said: "I was a bit concerned as I was aware that some doctors do not accept it as a condition, but Zurich Life accepted its liability."

Her pleasure was short-lived, she says, as, at the end of each subsequent quarter, the company would ask for more medical information which caused delays in payment.

In July 1995 she underwent



Clare Francis, author and round-the-world yachtswoman, suffered from ME and became a fundraiser for the illness

a five-day hospital examination, which confirmed her condition was not depression. When the following payment was again delayed she complained to the Association of British Insurers (ABI). The ABI contacted Zurich Life and Ms Baker received her cheque

a week later. Meanwhile, her condition worsened, she was advised to return to New Zealand where she could have the support of her family. Shortly afterwards the company said it required an independent medical examination, insisting this was

done in Switzerland. Ms Baker agreed and appointments were made before she flew home. Unfortunately, days before she was due to fly to Switzerland, she was taken to hospital where she had a hysterectomy.

Since then Zurich Life has argued for the first time that CFS is a mental illness and therefore Ms Baker does not qualify under the policy. It has also said that if she was fit enough to fly, she could work. Ms Baker contests these points. Zurich Life refused to comment.

Most of us realise that we can no longer rely on the benefit system to maintain our standard of living should we be unlucky enough to fall ill and have to leave work.

A type of insurance policy called permanent health insurance was developed with this in mind.

As the name suggests, it provides cover should you fall ill and not be able to work, either permanently or temporarily. The idea is a good one, but the problem is that some of the providers are balking at paying out when customers make a claim.

They have set up numerous kinds of testing to catch out the shirkers. But pressure groups say these tests can be twisted to serve the purposes of the provider.

Earlier this year Weekend Money featured the case of Robert Napier who suffered from a rheumatic illness. He has been racked with pain, and found it difficult to sleep and now uses a wheelchair for long distances.

He claimed on his permanent health insurance policy ten years ago, but since then, Unum, his insurer, has challenged his illness despite the fact that his GP pronounced him an invalid.

Two years ago the company stopped paying altogether, relying on a report from a specialist who said that Mr Napier, now 50, had grossly exaggerated his disability.

But the High Court found that Mr Napier's case was perfectly genuine and that his payments of 60 per cent of his former salary of £62,500 should be reinstated. The case showed how insurers are prepared to challenge a customer even in the face of conflicting medical reports.

What is permanent health insurance?

It is insurance that replaces your income. If you are unable to work for a set time your policy will pay a percentage of what you would normally expect to earn until you're well again.

The rules changed in April and all payments are now tax-free. The insurance company will make an open commitment to pay part of your salary until your planned retirement age if necessary.

The maximum payout will be three quarters of gross earnings. Illnesses not covered include AIDS, self-inflicted injuries and drugs not prescribed by doctors. Cheaper policies may not include ME or mental illness. Dangerous pastimes such as sky diving may not be covered or you may have to pay a higher premium.

Some policies may pay out if you can only return to work part-time but you will have to pay extra for these. Some policies can be inflation-linked.

Why would I want a PHI policy?

More than one million people in Britain have been off work through sickness or disability for more than six months. A further

600,000 have been off for more than three years.

Benefits will not replace your salary: a family of four has to get by on just over £100 a week if the breadwinner is off work for more than six months.

How do I obtain permanent health insurance?

First check if you are insured under your employer's scheme. If you have a company pension, you may also have PHI.

If not, you can purchase an individual policy after consulting an independent insurance broker (You will find a list from BIIIRA).

The problem with employers' schemes is that you have to be employed to receive permanent health insurance payments. So, if you become too ill to work and start receiving payments and you are then fired or made redundant as a result of your illness, your payments will stop. This is because you are no longer employed.

What small print clauses should I look out for?

Ensure that the policy provides for "inability by reason of sickness to follow his or her occupation". Some policies will now say that you have to be unable to follow any profession or occupation not just your own. This means doctors, for example, have been turned down if they can still do clerical work.

Will I have to wait before I receive payments?

Yes, all PHI schemes have a waiting period before you can claim. This is usually between 13 and 102 weeks, so check the conditions before you sign up. Generally, the longer the waiting period, the cheaper the cover. So weigh the savings up against the wait period. Waiting over six months may be counterproductive.

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Rising expectations: housebuilders are looking to a further improvement in the new homes market but there are hurdles to be overcome

**Building on recovery mood**

The galloping recovery in the housing market is giving hope to beleaguered housebuilders, among the hardest-hit sector in the long recession. But investors should remain cautious as many dangers threaten to ambush the industry.

Last week the Nationwide Building Society reported that house prices rose by nearly 9 per cent over the past year, and this week the Halifax Building Society confirmed the upward trend, with a slightly lower figure of 7.7 per cent for the year to November.

By contrast the prices of new homes have fallen by 1.3 per cent over the same period.

Roger Humber, director of the House Builders' Federation, says: "Although we are seeing an increase in volumes throughout the UK, price increases are limited to London and the South East. There is still not much joy for the South West or anywhere north of Northampton."

Scott Fulton, building analyst at Merrill Lynch, the merchant bank, says share prices of housebuilding firms have been falling over the past six months, in spite of more optimistic

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growth forecasts. They are now trading a near 10 per cent discount to the rest of the market.

Whether this presents a buying opportunity for gamble-happy investors depends on housebuilders' ability to leap several looming hurdles. The first relates to interest rates. Higher base rates mean more expensive mortgages and a brake on the housing market recovery. Hopes that new houses, which normally represent around 10 per cent of all housing transactions, could ride on the back of the revival in second-hand house

market may be short-lived. A second hurdle is the price of land. It is in shorter supply now than in the early Eighties, so prices are likely to increase faster than house prices. The shortage is particularly acute in London and the South East, where the recovery is strongest.

Housebuilders have already seen 50 per cent price increases in some cases. Many firms are also experiencing long delays in obtaining planning permission from local councils even for land they already own.

A third hurdle is spiralling production costs. A nationwide skills shortage, thanks to the ravages of the recession, at a time of increasing demand, will push wage costs up. Building material suppliers will also be looking to charge more.

Mr Fulton sums up: "House price inflation should generate greater volume in the new houses, so 1997 presents a rosy picture. But housebuilders will enjoy only a short time in the sun. This is the right time to buy on a short-term view." He recommends Berkeley Group, the executive home specialist, which is concentrated

in the South East where the recovery is strongest. Astute timing of land sales and purchases has contributed to a strong balance sheet.

The big volume builders, Barratt and Persimmon, are also recommended because of their impressive land banks. Barratt, trading at a 15 per cent discount to the rest of the market, looks good value.

Steve Charnock, building analyst at Charterhouse Tilney, the stockbroker, believes the medium-sized builders, such as Bellway, will have the flexibility to adapt quickly to the volatile market. Mr Humber at HBF is hopeful that rising disposable income, improved job security and the recent relatively benign Budget will encourage continued growth in the new house market, despite the caveats outlined above. He expects around 155,000 new homes to be built next year, compared with an estimated 140,000 this year.

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lation to other plans.

Pep savings schemes also pay different yields and cost different amounts, and some have early-encashment penalties. Initial charges vary between nothing on HSBC's and Virgin's to 6 per cent on Eagle Star's general Pep. Annual management charges on plans range from nil to 1.5 per cent. NatWest's Pep savings plans carry no annual management charge but a high initial charge, while Morgan Grenfell's Pep savings plans bear a 1.5 per cent annual charge.

Some Pep savings schemes are geared towards growth and some towards income. Some of the newer corporate bond Peps carry high yields of 7 to 8 per cent. Because the annual management charge is usually taken out of income generated, find out the size of the charge. It is also necessary to look at whether penalties are applied if a savings plan is encashed early.

According to a survey by *Planned Savings* magazine, the top-performing Pep savings plans over the past five years were from Hill Samuel, Jupiter, Invesco, Old Mutual and Garmore. A sum of £100 a month put in Hill Samuel's UK Emerging Companies Trust would now be worth £11,505 on a total investment of £6,000. The same monthly investment in Jupiter's European and Income Pep savings plans would be worth £11,437 and £10,960, respectively. The same investment in Invesco's UK smaller companies trust and European smaller companies trust would be worth £10,819 and £10,770.

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Sarah Jones takes a seasonal look at a risk-free investment

# Take Tessa to the party for that extra sparkle

Normally a quiet time for Tessa, this year it looks as if there may be a little more sparkle to her Christmas. With talk of interest rate rises, competition could once again hot up among Tessa providers.

"When the move on savers rates comes, we should start to see a divergence in Tessa rates," says Alastair Altham of Johnson Fry Asset Managers. "Where providers are keen to get new depositors, and tax-exempt special savings accounts (Tessas) are a good way of doing that, they are likely to raise their rates. Most Tessas are taken out between January and April in anticipation of the end of the tax year."

Investors fail to shop around, especially for follow-on Tessas, but there are attractive rates available. Moreover last time round the best returns came from the smaller building societies — in other words, from those providers most likely to be taken over or merged over the next five years, giving you the chance of an extra merger bonus from your Tessa. Possible flotation

appear in the best buy charts. For a follow-on Tessa, for example, National Counties is offering a variable 7.2 per cent, the Marsden a variable 7 per cent and the West Bromwich 7.45 per cent fixed.

The Inflation Beater Tessa from the society most renowned for flotation, Birmingham Midshires, guarantees to be 3 per cent above the retail price index and is currently at 7 per cent. Minimum deposit is £1,000 and it is also available as a first Tessa.

Other first Tessas include West Bromwich's variable 7 per cent and 6.8 per cent from both Market Harborough and the Principality. For fixed first Tessas, Yorkshire is paying 7.3 per cent and Birmingham Midshires 7.05 per cent.

With expectations of base-rate rises, savers may assume that fixed rates should be avoided. Not so, says Mr Altham. "Don't be bamboozled by talk of short-term rates rising. Long-term rates in the money markets have not changed dramatically so many fixed rates still look good and won't necessarily rise as obviously as variable Tessas."

However fixed rates should only be for those who want absolute security, and can tie themselves in for five years. The best option is to go for a variable rate that has low penalties for early exit, so you can move providers if you see a more competitive rate.

Tessas are still the most tax-efficient risk-free product on offer from the bank or building society. However the amounts you can invest are limited: if it is your first Tessa you can save up to £3,000 in the first year and £1,800 in each of the next four years up to the maximum £9,000. Some first Tessas demand the full £9,000, which is put into a feeder account.

If it is your second Tessa, you can put in all of the capital saved — but not the tax-free interest earned — from your first Tessa. But you have only six months from the maturity date of your first Tessa to decide which new one to go for. If your maturity date is pending, you should be able to find a decent follow-on rate over the coming months.

After hinting at Christmas cheer for savers, providers are looking more like Scrooge than Santa. There will be no quarter of a per cent rise across the board for savers, as there has been a wholesale rise for borrowers. Instead the promised increases will be on selected savings products and of a varying amount. Moreover, with lenders quick to announce mortgage changes, savers are kept hanging on for news.

The average savings rate rise at Northern Rock, for example, will be 0.3 per cent, although the mortgage rate has gone up 0.5 per cent. It is also likely that only the top tiers of the postal accounts — the product by which Northern Rock does most of its fighting for new customers — will be touched.

The Coventry has raised its mortgage rate 0.25 per cent, but has remarkably little information on savings rates. A spokeswoman says: "Rates will go up on January 1, but we need to see what happens in the market place before we decide which products will be affected." Abbey National has raised its

mortgage rate 0.25 per cent. Savings rates are to go up from 0.05 per cent to 0.25 per cent, though some fixed-rate bonds will rise 0.35 per cent.

"It is not as simple as putting up one mortgage rate. Different products have different competitive strings attached to them," says an Abbey spokesman. "We have to look at the market and if a product is already competitive, it will not rise so much."

The Abbey will be changing its rates for savers with effect from January 1.

Rates on the Abbey Instant Saver account currently range from 0.50 per cent to 3.50 per cent. From the beginning of next year, they will range from 0.50 per cent to 3.65 per cent, hardly leaving savers better off at all.

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# Beginner's guide to world of Peps

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 Rates as at December 5, 1996

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## Early losses almost halved

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# Early losses

**TRADING PERIOD:** Settlement takes place five business days after the previous day's close, but adjustments are made to price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

| High | Low | Company  | Price \$1 | % P/E | High | Low | Company | Price \$1 | % P/E   |    |
|------|-----|----------|-----------|-------|------|-----|---------|-----------|---------|----|
| 280  | 250 | Quadrant | 247 1/2   | 51    | 45   | 238 | 221 1/2 | East      | 224 1/2 | 52 |
| 275  | 260 | Rockwell | 265       | 50    | 44   | 235 | 215     | United    | 215     | 52 |
| 270  | 255 | Eastman  | 255       | 50    | 43   | 230 | 210     | Eastman   | 210     | 52 |
| 265  | 250 | Eastman  | 250       | 50    | 42   | 225 | 205     | Eastman   | 205     | 52 |
| 260  | 245 | Eastman  | 245       | 50    | 41   | 220 | 200     | Eastman   | 200     | 52 |
| 255  | 240 | Eastman  | 240       | 50    | 40   | 215 | 195     | Eastman   | 195     | 52 |
| 250  | 235 | Eastman  | 235       | 50    | 39   | 210 | 190     | Eastman   | 190     | 52 |
| 245  | 230 | Eastman  | 230       | 50    | 38   | 205 | 185     | Eastman   | 185     | 52 |
| 240  | 225 | Eastman  | 225       | 50    | 37   | 200 | 180     | Eastman   | 180     | 52 |
| 235  | 220 | Eastman  | 220       | 50    | 36   | 195 | 175     | Eastman   | 175     | 52 |
| 230  | 215 | Eastman  | 215       | 50    | 35   | 190 | 170     | Eastman   | 170     | 52 |
| 225  | 210 | Eastman  | 210       | 50    | 34   | 185 | 165     | Eastman   | 165     | 52 |
| 220  | 205 | Eastman  | 205       | 50    | 33   | 180 | 160     | Eastman   | 160     | 52 |
| 215  | 200 | Eastman  | 200       | 50    | 32   | 175 | 155     | Eastman   | 155     | 52 |
| 210  | 195 | Eastman  | 195       | 50    | 31   | 170 | 150     | Eastman   | 150     | 52 |
| 205  | 190 | Eastman  | 190       | 50    | 30   | 165 | 145     | Eastman   | 145     | 52 |
| 200  | 185 | Eastman  | 185       | 50    | 29   | 160 | 140     | Eastman   | 140     | 52 |
| 195  | 180 | Eastman  | 180       | 50    | 28   | 155 | 135     | Eastman   | 135     | 52 |
| 190  | 175 | Eastman  | 175       | 50    | 27   | 150 | 130     | Eastman   | 130     | 52 |
| 185  | 170 | Eastman  | 170       | 50    | 26   | 145 | 125     | Eastman   | 125     | 52 |
| 180  | 165 | Eastman  | 165       | 50    | 25   | 140 | 120     | Eastman   | 120     | 52 |
| 175  | 160 | Eastman  | 160       | 50    | 24   | 135 | 115     | Eastman   | 115     | 52 |
| 170  | 155 | Eastman  | 155       | 50    | 23   | 130 | 110     | Eastman   | 110     | 52 |
| 165  | 150 | Eastman  | 150       | 50    | 22   | 125 | 105     | Eastman   | 105     | 52 |
| 160  | 145 | Eastman  | 145       | 50    | 21   | 120 | 100     | Eastman   | 100     | 52 |
| 155  | 140 | Eastman  | 140       | 50    | 20   | 115 | 95      | Eastman   | 95      | 52 |
| 150  | 135 | Eastman  | 135       | 50    | 19   | 110 | 90      | Eastman   | 90      | 52 |
| 145  | 130 | Eastman  | 130       | 50    | 18   | 105 | 85      | Eastman   | 85      | 52 |
| 140  | 125 | Eastman  | 125       | 50    | 17   | 100 | 80      | Eastman   | 80      | 52 |
| 135  | 120 | Eastman  | 120       | 50    | 16   | 95  | 75      | Eastman   | 75      | 52 |
| 130  | 115 | Eastman  | 115       | 50    | 15   | 90  | 70      | Eastman   | 70      | 52 |
| 125  | 110 | Eastman  | 110       | 50    | 14   | 85  | 65      | Eastman   | 65      | 52 |
| 120  | 105 | Eastman  | 105       | 50    | 13   | 80  | 60      | Eastman   | 60      | 52 |
| 115  | 100 | Eastman  | 100       | 50    | 12   | 75  | 55      | Eastman   | 55      | 52 |
| 110  | 95  | Eastman  | 95        | 50    | 11   | 70  | 50      | Eastman   | 50      | 52 |
| 105  | 90  | Eastman  | 90        | 50    | 10   | 65  | 45      | Eastman   | 45      | 52 |
| 100  | 85  | Eastman  | 85        | 50    | 9    | 60  | 40      | Eastman   | 40      | 52 |
| 95   | 80  | Eastman  | 80        | 50    | 8    | 55  | 35      | Eastman   | 35      | 52 |
| 90   | 75  | Eastman  | 75        | 50    | 7    | 50  | 30      | Eastman   | 30      | 52 |
| 85   | 70  | Eastman  | 70        | 50    | 6    | 45  | 25      | Eastman   | 25      | 52 |
| 80   | 65  | Eastman  | 65        | 50    | 5    | 40  | 20      | Eastman   | 20      | 52 |
| 75   | 60  | Eastman  | 60        | 50    | 4    | 35  | 15      | Eastman   | 15      | 52 |
| 70   | 55  | Eastman  | 55        | 50    | 3    | 30  | 10      | Eastman   | 10      | 52 |
| 65   | 50  | Eastman  | 50        | 50    | 2    | 25  | 5       | Eastman   | 5       | 52 |
| 60   | 45  | Eastman  | 45        | 50    | 1    | 20  | 0       | Eastman   | 0       | 52 |
| 55   | 40  | Eastman  | 40        | 50    | 0    | 15  | 0       | Eastman   | 0       | 52 |
| 50   | 35  | Eastman  | 35        | 50    | 0    | 10  | 0       | Eastman   | 0       | 52 |
| 45   | 30  | Eastman  | 30        | 50    | 0    | 5   | 0       | Eastman   | 0       | 52 |
| 40   | 25  | Eastman  | 25        | 50    | 0    | 0   | 0       | Eastman   | 0       | 52 |
| 35   | 20  | Eastman  | 20        | 50    | 0    | 0   | 0       | Eastman   | 0       | 52 |
| 30   | 15  | Eastman  | 15        | 50    | 0    | 0   | 0       | Eastman   | 0       | 52 |
| 25   | 10  | Eastman  | 10        | 50    | 0    | 0   | 0       | Eastman   | 0       | 52 |
| 20   | 5   | Eastman  | 5         | 50    | 0    | 0   | 0       | Eastman   | 0       | 52 |
| 15   | 0   | Eastman  | 0         | 50    | 0    | 0   | 0       | Eastman   | 0       | 52 |
| 10   | 0   | Eastman  | 0         | 50    | 0    | 0   | 0       | Eastman   | 0       | 52 |
| 5    | 0   | Eastman  | 0         | 50    | 0    | 0   | 0       | Eastman   | 0       | 52 |
| 0    | 0   | Eastman  | 0         | 50    | 0    | 0   | 0       | Eastman   | 0       | 52 |


| ENGINEERING VEHICLES |      |              |      |   |     |     |      |       |     |     |     |
|----------------------|------|--------------|------|---|-----|-----|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| 50                   | 1987 | Advan        | 1.3* | 2 | 79  | 285 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 11  | 119 |
| 100                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 101 | 286 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 12  | 120 |
| 101                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 102 | 287 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 13  | 121 |
| 102                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 103 | 288 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 14  | 122 |
| 103                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 104 | 289 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 15  | 123 |
| 104                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 105 | 290 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 16  | 124 |
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| 108                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 109 | 294 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 20  | 128 |
| 109                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 110 | 295 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 21  | 129 |
| 110                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 111 | 296 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 22  | 130 |
| 111                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 112 | 297 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 23  | 131 |
| 112                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 113 | 298 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 24  | 132 |
| 113                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 114 | 299 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 25  | 133 |
| 114                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 115 | 300 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 26  | 134 |
| 115                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 116 | 301 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 27  | 135 |
| 116                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 117 | 302 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 28  | 136 |
| 117                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 118 | 303 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 29  | 137 |
| 118                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 119 | 304 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 30  | 138 |
| 119                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 120 | 305 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 31  | 139 |
| 120                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 121 | 306 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 32  | 140 |
| 121                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 122 | 307 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 33  | 141 |
| 122                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 123 | 308 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 34  | 142 |
| 123                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 124 | 309 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 35  | 143 |
| 124                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 125 | 310 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 36  | 144 |
| 125                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 126 | 311 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 37  | 145 |
| 126                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 127 | 312 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 38  | 146 |
| 127                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 128 | 313 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 39  | 147 |
| 128                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 129 | 314 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 40  | 148 |
| 129                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 130 | 315 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 41  | 149 |
| 130                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 131 | 316 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 42  | 150 |
| 131                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 132 | 317 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 43  | 151 |
| 132                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 133 | 318 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 44  | 152 |
| 133                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 134 | 319 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 45  | 153 |
| 134                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 135 | 320 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 46  | 154 |
| 135                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 136 | 321 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 47  | 155 |
| 136                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 137 | 322 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 48  | 156 |
| 137                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 138 | 323 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 49  | 157 |
| 138                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 139 | 324 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 50  | 158 |
| 139                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 140 | 325 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 51  | 159 |
| 140                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 141 | 326 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 52  | 160 |
| 141                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 142 | 327 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 53  | 161 |
| 142                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 143 | 328 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 54  | 162 |
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| 145                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 146 | 331 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 57  | 165 |
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| 147                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 148 | 333 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 59  | 167 |
| 148                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 149 | 334 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 60  | 168 |
| 149                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 150 | 335 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 61  | 169 |
| 150                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 151 | 336 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 62  | 170 |
| 151                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 152 | 337 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 63  | 171 |
| 152                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 153 | 338 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 64  | 172 |
| 153                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 154 | 339 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 65  | 173 |
| 154                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 155 | 340 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 66  | 174 |
| 155                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 156 | 341 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 67  | 175 |
| 156                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 157 | 342 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 68  | 176 |
| 157                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 158 | 343 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 69  | 177 |
| 158                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 159 | 344 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 70  | 178 |
| 159                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 160 | 345 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 71  | 179 |
| 160                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 161 | 346 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 72  | 180 |
| 161                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 162 | 347 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 73  | 181 |
| 162                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 163 | 348 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 74  | 182 |
| 163                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 164 | 349 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 75  | 183 |
| 164                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 165 | 350 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 76  | 184 |
| 165                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 166 | 351 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 77  | 185 |
| 166                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 167 | 352 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 78  | 186 |
| 167                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 168 | 353 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 79  | 187 |
| 168                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 169 | 354 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 80  | 188 |
| 169                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 170 | 355 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 81  | 189 |
| 170                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 171 | 356 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 82  | 190 |
| 171                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 172 | 357 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 83  | 191 |
| 172                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 173 | 358 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 84  | 192 |
| 173                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 174 | 359 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 85  | 193 |
| 174                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 175 | 360 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 86  | 194 |
| 175                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 176 | 361 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 87  | 195 |
| 176                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 177 | 362 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 88  | 196 |
| 177                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 178 | 363 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 89  | 197 |
| 178                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 179 | 364 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 90  | 198 |
| 179                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 180 | 365 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 91  | 199 |
| 180                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 181 | 366 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 92  | 200 |
| 181                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 182 | 367 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 93  | 201 |
| 182                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 183 | 368 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 94  | 202 |
| 183                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 184 | 369 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 95  | 203 |
| 184                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 185 | 370 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 96  | 204 |
| 185                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 186 | 371 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 97  | 205 |
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| 189                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 190 | 375 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 101 | 209 |
| 190                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 191 | 376 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 102 | 210 |
| 191                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 192 | 377 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 103 | 211 |
| 192                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 193 | 378 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 104 | 212 |
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| 194                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 195 | 380 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 106 | 214 |
| 195                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 196 | 381 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 107 | 215 |
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| 197                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 198 | 383 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 109 | 217 |
| 198                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 199 | 384 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 110 | 218 |
| 199                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 200 | 385 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 111 | 219 |
| 200                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 201 | 386 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 112 | 220 |
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| 202                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 203 | 388 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 114 | 222 |
| 203                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 204 | 389 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 115 | 223 |
| 204                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 205 | 390 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 116 | 224 |
| 205                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 206 | 391 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 117 | 225 |
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| 220                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 221 | 406 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 132 | 240 |
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| 222                  | 1987 | Advan (Spec) | 1.3* | 4 | 223 | 408 | 1987 | Volvo | 2.0 | 134 | 242 |
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| 194             | Time & Life | 485 | 12% | 47 | 71.2 |
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Alan Lee meets an England captain who is earning the respect of his rivals

# Hollioake earns A-plus for leadership

IF IT is still the received wisdom that England cricket captains must heed time-honoured conventions of dress, decorum and restraint, then prepare to disapprove of Adam Hollioake. If, however, there is thought to be merit in being combative, direct and unpretentious, and in winning matches with a strikingly united team, then the captain of England A is a man to be observed with admiration.

He was not at his best yesterday morning. His players had marked their latest victory with some research into Sydney's nightlife and the captain was to the fore. He appeared late, with telltale eyes and instant apologies, wearing a back-to-front baseball cap on his head. It is fair to assume that Gubby Allen, Peter May and other departed paragon would have shuddered at the sight.

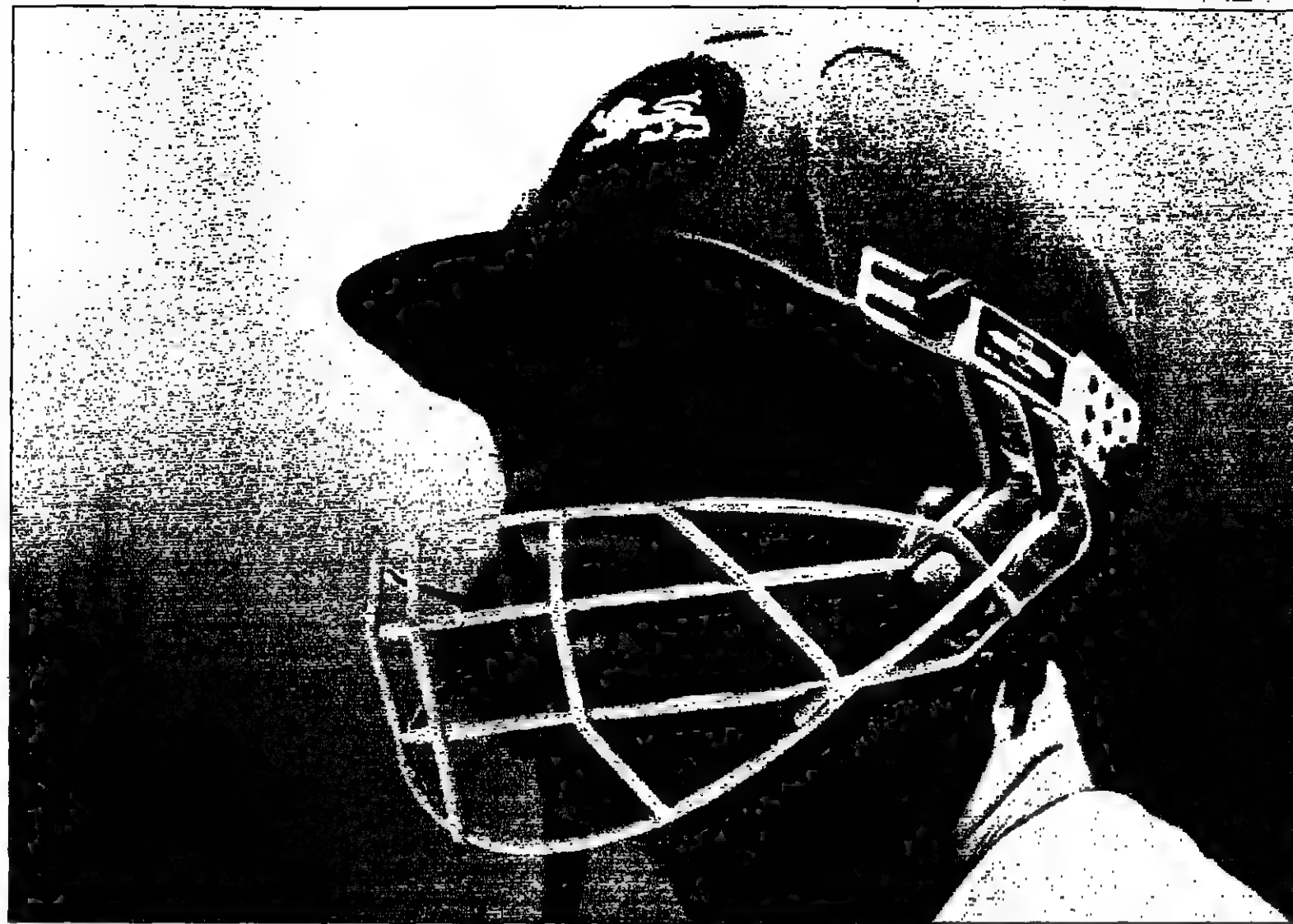
Yet if Hollioake was hungover, he showed no further sign of it, proceeding to speak with fluency and candour about the tour, his team and himself. As he once acquired something of a reputation for self-importance, it is worth saying that he gave the subjects in that order, of priority.

Had he but known it, a compliment had just been paid by Peter Such. At 32, with eight Tests, three centuries and two previous Ashes tours to his name, Such is half a generation ahead of most of this party. "The reason we have done well," he said, "is that everyone here works for the unit rather than for themselves. That isn't always the case on tour." Which reflected due credit on the captain.

He has created a team in his own image, which is to say noisy, gregarious, ambitious and aggressive. Some of these words are frowned upon within English cricket, but those inclined to do so should weigh the evidence of this A team's success and spirit. It has, perhaps, competed in an Australian way, but is that not what we have been seeking all these years?

"On the first few bus rides I thought we had a really quiet bunch," Hollioake said. "A few of them have not been given enough chance to express themselves at their countries and I have just encouraged them to be themselves. I open myself up a lot to the guys so they know what I am thinking, and they seem to respond to that."

They have, indeed, become irreverent enough to play a few pranks on Mike Gatting, their revered coach. His shorts found their way up a dogpile



Hollioake, whose captaincy has inspired England A, waits to bat during a net session in Adelaide. Photograph: Shaun Botterill (Allsport).

in Canberra and his training shoes were glued to the dressing room floor. Gatting enjoyed the joke, as he has enjoyed the tour. "He tells me it's been easy, that he has just sat on his backside," Hollioake said, "but he has given me my head, which he has been easy for him, while always being there with advice."

"I've kept telling my boys to press the G-button, to gamble, to experiment. I tell them that, if it doesn't work, it's their head. I have never had aspirations to captaincy, so I will try anything because I don't mind losing my job." There is a strong sense, though, that he has begun to savour it.

"The good thing about my inexperience is that I came here without any preconceived ideas of what should happen on tour," he said. "I have been able to look at something and say that it's wrong, that we'll do it differently, without knowing if it's been done on every tour for the past 50 years. An example of that is we

don't practice just for the sake of it."

Another example is a relaxed attitude to social hours. "Players generally do what is best for them and sometimes you need an outlet," he said. "After the third day in Adelaide, our worst of the tour, I felt I needed to go out and have a few drinks. The other lads all came, too, so we stuck together, talked it out as a team, then went out and won the game."

Hollioake was once noted for his temper and he does not claim to have fully mellowed. "I can be a volatile character," he said. "I used to go wild when I got out, but after I had broken a few helmets and bats, I thought, 'What's the point? Sometimes I lose it, even now, but I don't get upset with my own players unless I think they aren't trying.'"

The opposition is a different matter. "I can snap quite easily if they have a go at me on the field," he said. "I know I have to be careful as captain and that I must set an example, but it is in my nature to be competitive. It's happened a couple of times on tour."

This, some would say, is the Australian coming out in Hollioake, for he was born, 25 years ago, in the Victorian country town of Ballarat. It prepared him well for his team's reception. "At first, they

all wanted to knock us, to laugh at us," he said. "I knew that would happen. Once we began to win, we turned it against them on the field, telling some of their sides they weren't so hot. They didn't like it at the time, but I get the impression they have come to respect us."

The nationality issue, as it affects Hollioake, White and Jason Gallian, is raised regularly here. "It's nonsense, but it doesn't worry me," Hollioake said. "I take it as a compliment that they want to claim me, but Craig and Jason get really upset about it. All that annoys me is when it gets more publicity than the team doing well."

Hollioake is rightly proud of a tour record that reads six wins, one dominant draw and only one defeat going into the penultimate match today. "I like to get them fired up for every single game," he said. "But I'm running out of things to say now." This was the one thing about him that I found difficult to believe.

three on the opening day of their Sheffield Shield match against Victoria in Hobart. Yorkshire have confirmed their intention to give members a vote on the proposed move from Headingley to a new site at Wakefield, although the club revealed, in a reply to the Action Group questioning the move, that 70 per cent of members who have written to the club are supportive of the switch to help headquarter.

Peter Bowler, the new captain, has been in touch with Lee, who scored more than 1,300 runs for the county in 1996, when Mushtaq Ahmed, the Pakistan leg spinner, who had agreed a new three-year contract with the club.

The willingness of the Pakistan Cricket Board to compete in an international tournament in Sharjah, and other events, during the English season means that Somerset are considering their options.

## Somerset place Lee on stand-by

SHANE LEE, the Australian all-rounder, could return to play for Somerset next season because of problems over the availability of Mushtaq Ahmed, the Pakistan leg spinner, who had agreed a new three-year contract with the club.

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BASKETBALL: HIS AIRNESS STILL RULES THE HOOPS AS HIS STAR FADES AT BOX OFFICE

# Jordan's enterprise rockets on

Oliver Holt, in Milwaukee, encounters a basketball legend on top of his game

The defeat that Michael Jordan had been fearing when it came. There was comfort in the fact that the leading position, that he had occupied for so long, had been ceded to a worthy and popular rival. It was there in black and white, anyway. *Space Jam*, the film in which he co-stars alongside Bugs Bunny, has fallen behind *First Contact*, the new Star Trek film, at the top of the American box office charts.

*Space Jam*, of course, has been slated by the critics for the commercial tosh it undoubtedly is, but the film, which will push Jordan's earnings next year to more than \$100 million (about £62 million), does have one unwittingly redeeming feature. For followers of the man who has dominated the game of basketball for the past six years and who shows no signs of releasing his grip, there is a delicious irony in its simple plot.

It involves aliens, naturally, coming to earth to steal the powers of leading National Basketball Association (NBA) players such as Charles Barkley, Patrick Ewing and Larry Johnson. Jordan is enlisted by the Looney Tunes to win them back and restore them to their owners. There are no prizes for guessing if he succeeds.

The irony? Well, as Jordan lounged on a treatment couch in the Chicago Bulls locker-room before his team's game against Milwaukee, Bucks here on Tuesday night and talked about how he is better now than he ever was, how his game has changed and his skills have "expanded", it became startlingly obvious: Michael Jordan's stellar basketball career has never encompassed helping rivals to look good; it has been about making them look ordinary.

Jordan scored 40 points against the Bucks without having a particularly good game. Unusually for him, he missed several attempts to sink his new favourite move, the turnaround jump shot, where he starts with his back to the hoop and his opponent,

leaps and turns in the air and loops the ball into the basket. He still sank enough of them to score more than twice the points of any team-mate.

"My game is not as predictable as it used to be before I went off to play baseball," he said. "It has moved away from slam-dunking, eye-opening moves to more basic things like the turnaround jump shot. I like that. That shows the versatility of my skills."

"I use more rationale than I used to now, too. Why should I do something spectacular like take off from the free-throw line when I could just make a jump shot?"

"A few years ago, people were criticising me and saying all I wanted to do was drive and dunk, but now that is what they want me to do. When I look at old videos, I see things I haven't done in a while. You can't say I can't do them, it's just because I haven't tried."

"I have found other ways to be just as successful. I learnt that by watching players like Larry Bird and Magic Johnson. They found new ways to challenge themselves and change. That is what separates good players from the great players."

With the season almost a quarter of the way through its punishing schedule, the Bulls, led by Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman, have already established themselves as the clear favourites to win the NBA championship in May with a record of 17 wins and one defeat. Jordan, who has already been the league's top scorer in eight previous years, is out in front again, averaging more than 30 points a game, four more than anybody else.

For the first time in several years, he dropped to second — behind Mike Tyson — in the list of top-earning sportsmen published by *Forbes* magazine. The consolation was that he still earned a one-year \$30 million salary from the Bulls, the highest in league history, brought in another \$22.6 million from endorsements, and should see all that double next



Jordan's power and athleticism take him soaring above his marker to jam the ball

year when the profits from *Space Jam* start to roll in. That, though, presumes "His Airness" will still be playing next year. As he sat in the locker-room, still dressed in his yellow polo shirt and slacks half an hour before the game, he was the picture of laconic contentment and self-confidence, happy to talk about the future, ready to embrace whatever it brings.

"I have no plans after the end of the season," he said. "Next year I will sign another

one-year deal if they want to sign me, if the team continues the progress it has been making. If they decide they want to rebuild, bring in some younger players, there's a strong possibility I won't be around. If the Bulls don't sign me, I won't be going anywhere else. I would not put my family through another move."

"I'm happy with my game, happy in the role of team leader. The motivation is still there. It is always an attitude to prove my game, my skills,

consistent skills. I need to prove that I can still play at this level and put up the same numbers against younger, better, more athletic talent. There is not that much longer before I have to choose another direction."

Then, as he stood up to walk over to where his strip hung on its peg, someone asked him if he could reasonably expect another \$30 million contract next season. "Why not?" he said. "Why would I expect anything less?"

# Ref blows whistle on curse of parent power

SIMON BARNES



On Saturday

THIS week this column rings with sport and its natural accompaniment, the happy laughter of little children. Or as Alan Pemberton, a 57-year-old referee, said: "I'll never be doing children's matches again. I'll stick with the adults. They're a lot safer."

Pemberton had been punched, kicked and belaboured with the corner flags in the course of an encounter between Farsley Celtic Under-17s and Ossen Town Juniors in the Leeds and District Minor League last Sunday. The assault began after he called off the match, when poised intriguingly at 2-2. The reason for the abandonment was the ceaseless abuse that Pemberton received from the touchline (when this column is made president of world sport the first thing I will do is ban all parents from watching sport involving their progeny).

At this Pembertonian ukase, as many as eight Farsley players allegedly set about the poor ref. The police at Pudsey are on the case; meanwhile Farsley have been suspended from the league while inquiries continue.

Meanwhile, Diego's illegitimate child, fruit of the illicit liaison between himself and Cristina Sinagra, is ready to make his first official appearance as a footballer. He plays for Academia against Nola in a Christmas tournament.

**Name game**

Perhaps this is not such a good omen for Diego Jr. An Italian non-league club has been banned from playing home games after an incident in which fans attacked linesmen and ref in a 30-strong pitch invasion in a match against Virtus-La Castellana. The club, based at the eponymous town near Perugia, is called Bastardo.

**Nanny state**

Who said this? I. My career's been like the migrating woodcock. You've got all the shooters and storms trying to whack you down, but, in the end, you just want to get to new fields. 2. Football is a fertility festival. Eleven sperm trying to get into the egg. I feel sorry for the goalkeeper. 3. Q. One wish? A. Apart from world peace, a long injury-free career. 4. I tell my players they've made a happy man

very old. 5. Not only do the South Koreans names sound the same, but they all look similar, don't they?

All these from the latest edition *The Umbro Book of Football Quotations*, an essential work whose previous offerings have entered the lore and language of the game, by Peter Bell and Phil Shaw, published by Ebury Press price £9.99. Answers below.

**Roast Chestnut**

Another childish story. Chestnut Ridge High School is based in New Paris, Pennsylvania, and, though it may not rival the old Paris in every respect, they, appropriately, took on a French exchange student, Greg Giraud.

Giraud was injured by a fall from a five-storey building when he was three, but, being a *garçon* not without courage, he can play football — sah-kerr, not gridiron — on his crutches; but, after his first appearance for the Pennsylvania Parisians, the state's Interscholastic Athletic



Association threw him out because the crutches were "illegal equipment and a danger to other players". Giraud, showing the sort of maturity that is seldom found among adults in sport, said: "I was very upset at the beginning, but it's just a game."

**Rich seam**

The exhibition entitled *Work Hard, Play Hard*, which celebrates the links between mining and sport, has attracted a good deal of notice since it opened at the National Coalmining Museum for England at Capthorpe Colliery, Overton, Wakefield.

One of the splendid nuggets unearthed by the operation is the fee Matt Busby paid to take Tommy Taylor, a Barnsley inside forward and former pitman, to Manchester United. Taylor, who was killed in the Munich air crash, was bought for £26,999.

This is an odd sum, the sort of money publishers will no doubt be charging for books in about 18 months, but the publisher's fear of the terminal nought has never been part of footballing tradition. Now it can be told: the extra pound went to the Barnsley tea-lady, Busby, although aware that he was paying a world record sum, said that he was reluctant to saddle Taylor with the pressures of being "the first £30,000 footballer".

**Number crunch**

And meanwhile, the search for sport's magic numbers is hotting up. As ever, a bottle of Nicolas Feuillate champagne, will go to every reader who produces a number filled with sporting beauty, from this year, or from deep in the annals of time.

Results to be published around Christmas. Examples: Two the number of penalties Stuart Pearce has successfully dispatched in England penalty shoot-outs. And 492: the number of balls Michael Atherton faced in that innings.

Answers to quotations: 1. Vinnie Jones. 2. Bjork, Icelandic pop singer. 3. Gareth Southgate, in a programme questionnaire. 4. Jimmy Nicholl, then manager of Raith Rovers. 5. Alan Parry, ITV commentator, during the World Cup finals of 1994.

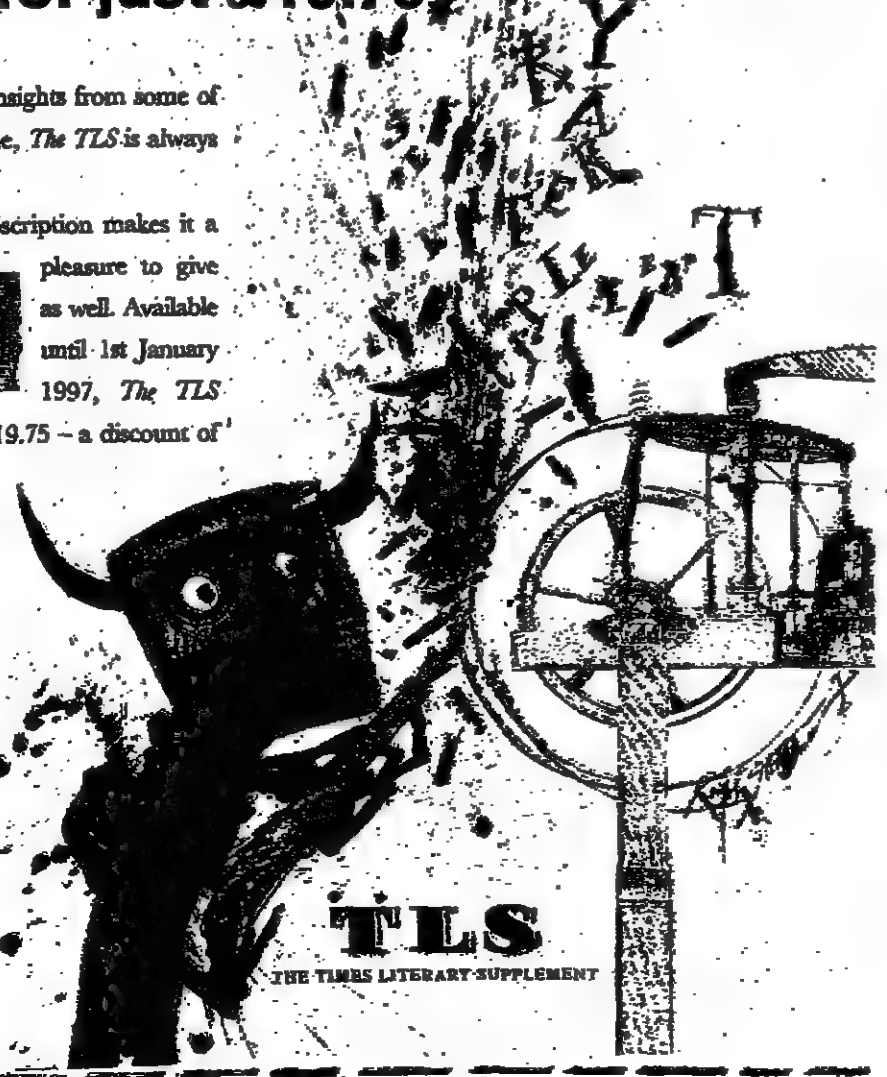
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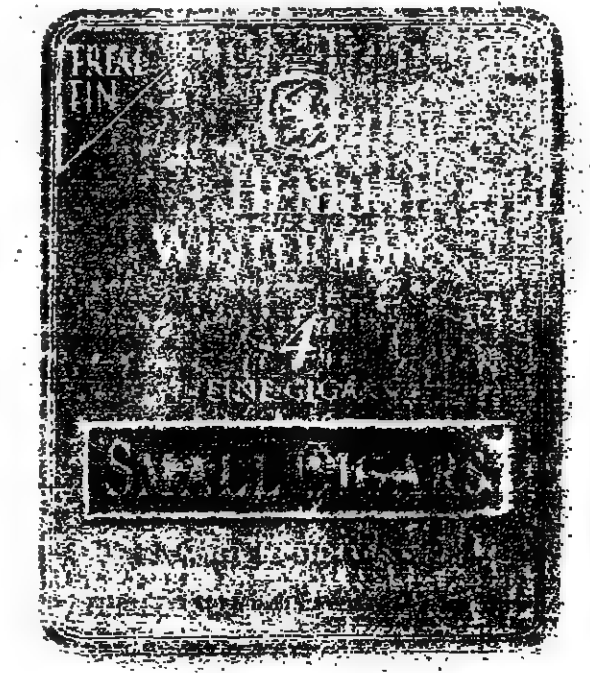
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## RUGBY UNION

# Rebel forces unite for Barbarians to face Australians

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FIVE Newcastle players join in the Australia tour finale at Twickenham today, a coincidence that will have escaped few at the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) headquarters given the flag of defiance being flown in the North East this weekend. However many of the first and second division clubs choose to sign an accord with the RFU next week, it seems unlikely that Newcastle will be one of them.

The quintet, four of whom will start for the Barbarians while Dodi Weir is among the replacements, include Rob Andrew, in what may prove the last appearance at Twickenham of an illustrious career unless Newcastle achieve great things in the Pilkington Cup or Europe while he is still active. Andrew also represents the kind of long-term investment that will ensure that Newcastle's owners do not turn their back on rugby union.

Representatives of Newcastle and Bedford have already voiced their disapproval of the peace agreement that English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (EPRUC) proposes with the RFU, though, if

any salient change is made over the next few days, their views could yet be amended. If they choose not to sign, however, it does not mean that they will not continue in domestic competition — only that they will receive no financial consideration from the RFU.

Sir John Hall, the Newcastle owner, is unlikely, however, to turn his back on the £2 million that has already been ploughed into the club. "There is no way we will walk away from the rugby club," Freddie Shepherd, a director of Newcastle United and one of their three-man team dealing with recent rugby negotiations, said yesterday. "We are not quitters and never will be."

Newcastle will continue to contemplate action against the RFU in the European courts over broadcasting and players' rights, with Bedford alongside them. "We have tried to persuade them that all the clubs should stick together and we are very sorry to say they are not still with us," Donald Kerr, the EPRUC chairman, who seeks final agreement by next week, said.

Meanwhile, there is a game

to be played in which the Australians, unbeaten on their European tour and victors over Italy, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, will endeavour to show against the Barbarians the style that has been largely absent from their tour. They would love to do so for their own sake and not just to give David Campese one last northern-hemisphere showcase for his unique talents.

However, there is a singularly hard-nosed Barbarian line-up facing them, the thread running back from Andrew via Norm Hewitt and Ian Jones, the two New Zealanders in the pack, to a back row that includes Scott Quinnell and Dale McIntosh. It is these two who are of particular interest to the Wales selectors, who have postponed the announcement of their team to play South Africa until Monday.

McIntosh, the uncapped Pontypridd player, is of New Zealand stock but became eligible this month to play for Wales; the older Quinnell remains at odds with the Welsh Rugby Union over contractual arrangements, but there is optimism that the deadlock can be broken. "We need a more physical back row and I think there are players who may become available," Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, hinted after the defeat by Australia. He will also be keenly interested in the performance of Allan Bateman in the Barbarian midfield.

Bateman, capped four times from Neath in 1990 before going to rugby league, returned from Cronulla to join Richmond this season and could form, with Scott Gibbs and Jonathan Davies, a Welsh midfield, all of whom have distinguished themselves in the other code. With Tony Underwood seeking a restoration on the England wing, the eighth meeting between the invitation club and the Australians will keep national selectors as well as a 70,000 crowd happy.



Andrew practises his kicking yesterday before making what could be his last appearance at Twickenham today for the Barbarians

## New-look France eager to eradicate bad memories

By DAVID HANDS

CIRCUMSTANCES have combined to offer France a rallying call when they attempt today to level the two-match series with South Africa at the Parc des Princes: the weather has been foul and the referee is Derek Bevan, which recalls the World Cup semi-final played in Durban last year when France lost in a mud splash to the host nation, South Africa.

Bevan, the Welsh official, under considerable pressure from the tournament organisers to play the game despite the atrocious conditions, kept his nerve admirably in a match which the South Africans won by four points. Not

all his decisions were greeted with glee by France, but now a new management and a new team must attempt to rid themselves not so much of memories from 1995, but those of Bordeaux last week when South Africa won 22-12. Only four of the team this afternoon played in Durban, including Olivier Merle, the lock recalled after injury to strengthen a pack that was well beaten in Bordeaux; but only the French, in the continuing absence of five injured senior players — Saint-André, Castaignède, Ntamack, Penaud and Roumat — could cast out another eight players in a magnificent gesture during the space of a week and start all over again.

"The first test was difficult because so many inexperienced players were called up at short notice and they seemed to be overawed," Jean-Claude Skrela, the France coach, said, "but we showed in the second half we could test them. If we can cut out the handling mistakes and choose the right options, we can shake them."

Guy Accoceberry has been restored at scrum half and will hope to develop his team's back play, but that may depend upon the speed with which he establishes a relationship with Christophe Lemaison at half back. Lemaison has played centre to Penaud during Brive's successful Heineken Cup run, but is familiar with the stand-off

half's role, as well as shouldering the goal-kicking ahead of Richard Dourthe.

It will be Lemaison's second cap, but he will hope to use the creative running of Stephan Glas and give Laurent Leflamand, the one new cap, some opportunities on the wing. Leflamand, a six-footer, toured New Zealand with France in 1994.

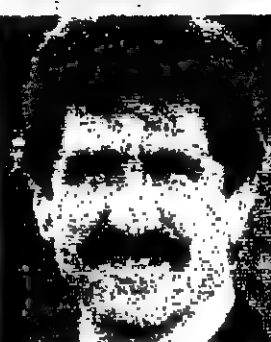
South Africa are unchanged for the fourth successive game. Gary Teichmann's emergence as a captain and player of genuine quality in the two victories over Argentina and last week's helped his countrymen to forget the treble against New Zealand and Australia. Last summer and the furore that accompanied the selection of this tour party.

Defeat for the midweek team by the French Barbarians and French Universities have not impinged upon the determination of the "first XV" to conclude the year in triumph by winning today and against Wales next Sunday.

FRANCE: J. L. Sédouy (Colomiers), L. Leflamand (Bordeaux), R. Dourthe (Dax), S. Glas (Bordeaux), O. Merle (Bordeaux), C. Lemaison (Bordeaux), G. Accoceberry (Bordeaux), G. Chiffolleau (Toulouse), M. del Bono (Agen), F. Traoussi (Narbonne), P. Banaon (Agen), J. Caste (Bordeaux), P. Polace (Dax), J. Caste (Bordeaux), A. Benard (Agen, captain). SOUTH AFRICA: A. J. Jouber (Bliss), J. T. Smith (Dax), J. C. Mouton (Toulouse), H. P. de la Haye (Bordeaux), J. Olivier (Bordeaux), H. W. Horne (Bliss), J. H. van der Westhuizen (Bordeaux), D. Theron (Cape Town), J. J. Burger (Bordeaux), G. Venter (Bordeaux), M. G. H. Teichmann (Bliss, captain). Referee: M. D. Bowen (Wales).

## Why New Zealand have left the rest of the world behind

GERALD DAVIES



Rugby Union Commentary

That New Zealand inhabit a different sphere of rugby should be clear to all of us by now. It may well be the case that the southern hemisphere countries occupy first division status and that England and France can claim to be their partners. Even within this category, however, the All Blacks are way ahead of the pack. Perhaps they can be said to be the sole occupants of a premier division. We shall soon see whether South Africa are worthy of joining them.

Greg Smith, the Australia coach, said, after their victory over Wales last Sunday, that the gap is closing between his team and their neighbours across the Tasman Sea, but, in reality, they have quite a distance to travel to match the All Blacks. Australia rely too much on strength in the forwards and no longer have the faith to pursue the kind of total rugby that they once displayed with alacrity and that brought them their rewards on the grand slam tour of 1984 and at the 1991 World Cup.

Strange to say, for so unshrinking a sporting nation, they are not confident with a style that had been part of their rugby since the days of Catchpole and Hawthorn in the Sixties.

For all their territorial advantage last weekend and a superior lineout score of 21-9, there was hardly a sign of

on — they have been made to look the part.

Speed can be measured, too, and it was the vital ingredient that Hart spoke about last week. It was, he felt, the essential difference between his team and England. On the rugby field, speed is not absolute in the way that it is on the track. Changes of direction, angles of running, the swiftness and accuracy of somebody else's pass can all make the opposition appear slower than they actually are. This kind of speed creates as much of thought. In addition, their basic skills are almost faultless.

It is in these skills that New Zealand have moved so much farther than the rest. Whether

the sun shines or the rain falls, the All Blacks react. From one generation to the next, rugby's verities are handed down not through academic papers and analysis but, more influentially, by

word of mouth from men who have travelled the road before them. It is in the blood. While other things can be measured, these cannot.

It is also noticeable that New Zealand never give the impression of entering periods of transition in the way that other teams do. Certainly it is never offered as an explanation as to why they may be faltering.

They vacillated during the World Cup in 1991, which signalled the end, finally, of Wayne Shelford's influential team of the late Eighties. In Sean Fitzpatrick there emerged, seamlessly, another remarkable captain to continue the lineage. If there was some self-questioning before the last World Cup, it largely centred on the need to change the style of play, and from it emerged another great team.

The All Blacks stumble, but for no more than a season. They are soon back on track. They can introduce players such as Carlos Spencer and Joeli Vidiri, as they did last Saturday, without upsetting the team's equilibrium.

All this makes a mockery of those who concluded, more than a year ago, that, on the basis of their performances in the World Cup in South Africa, New Zealand were a one-man team: Jonah Lomu. On such slack observation do others fall.

## Bath eyes drawn to centre spread

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AMID the madcap schedule of international, European and cup commitments, Bath will reacquaint themselves, after five weeks, with Courage Clubs Championship business and the prospect, at the Recreation Ground today, that Harlequins could seriously damage their hopes of a seventh league title in nine seasons.

Bath have not lost to Harlequins in 12 league meetings over nine years. This, and the knowledge that only victory will do, are the incentives for an encounter that has implications beyond domestic jostling for position. "It's a huge game for us; if we lose this one that will probably be it as far as the league is concerned," Phil de Glanville, the Bath and England captain, said.

With a week until England meet Argentina, the confrontation at centre unites the eternal triangle of Jeremy Guscott, de Glanville's Bath partner, and opposite him Will Carling, the present England centre outside de Glanville. As the sideshow, Carling v Guscott — England centres a record 43 times together — will interest more than the selectors.

Although a contest of flair and adventure on one level, more traditional strength could prevail. Up front Bath were susceptible to Leicester, Northampton and Cardiff in the Heineken Cup, and they gave league debuts to Federico

Méndez and Dan Lyle in the pack.

Jason Robinson has a month left at Bath before he returns to Wigan and rugby league. Jon Sleightholme's omission from the right flank, in order to extract the maximum from Robinson's short-term investment, is hardly a vote of confidence in him.

Unlike Robinson, Va'ega Tuigamala is not expected back at Wigan until the Super League starts in March. Tuigamala, the dual international centre, is deemed too important to release so soon by Wasps, who will take over the first division leadership should Harlequins lose and they overcome a depressed Bristol.

Orrell this week issued a plaintiff appeal for sponsors. After the loss of 17 players, the arrival of Richard Higgs, a back-row forward from New Zealand, has reversed one trend, but Orrell, the bottom club, need desperately to change another by getting off the mark at home to West Hartlepool.

Northampton will be confronted tomorrow by an expected 16,000 capacity crowd at Welford Road and a Leicester side that has lost to them only once in 20 matches. Gregor Townsend, 24 hours after representing the Barbarians, is at stand-off half for Northampton, with Paul Grayson moved to full back.

The proof is there, on the field

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CHANGING TIMES







THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND

**ARSENAL**  
The return of Dennis Bergkamp, fit again, gives Arsenal all sorts of extra options and should see them pick up another three points against Derby. Last Wednesday, against Southampton, he was overshadowed by a rampant Paul Merson, who was dangerous in everything he did. Vieira, Bould and Adams are due suspensions soon and all will be missed. Vieira will have to watch that combative approach. Adams, expelled at Newcastle, seems unlucky. BG

**ASTON VILLA**  
In the afterglow of Villa's smooth 2-0 success against West Ham on Wednesday, Brian Little, the manager, was suddenly asked if he would be persisting with his interest in Stan Collymore. Liverpool's rebel without applause. "I never talk about players contracted to other clubs," he replied. "Never have done, never will." Little made it clear he would not be drawn further on the touchy topic but most of the assembled sportsounds took his brief response as a definite "yes". RK

**BLACKBURN ROVERS**  
The clamour concerning Sven Goran Eriksson continues, but the smart money at Ewood Park is on the caretaker manager. Tony Parkes, keeping the chair warm until the end of the season. Parkes has had three separate spells in charge, but this present stint is the longest—six weeks. Given his results since succeeding Ray Harford, it would be no hardship for Parkes to be retained until the end of the season, especially as Eriksson would be available by then. DM

**CHELSEA**  
After that horrid affair at Leeds, the question looms: can all those expensive foreigners support the physical challenge of English football? At Eland Road, Zola was marked out of the game. Di Matteo and Vialli, disappointed. Leboeuf no longer looked dominant. Now there is the alarming case of Craig Burley, the Scotland international, distressed at being forced out of the team by all those imports. Gullit, who must surely start this game, cannot afford to lose men like Burley. BG

**COVENTRY CITY**  
Chief casualty since Gordon Strachan replaced Ron Atkinson at the helm is Kevin Richardson, the graft-and-grind midfielder who has amassed more than 550 appearances in his 17-year career. Richardson, 34 this week, has seen not a minute of Premiership action during Strachan's brief reign but he refuses to contemplate a possible afterlife in the Nationwide League. "No way," he said. "If it ever looked like coming to that, I think I'd prefer to pack it in." RK

**DERBY COUNTY**  
Jim Smith has been in management long enough, 24 years to be precise, to know how to savour the good times. The bad inevitably follow, but these days little is going wrong for the "Bald Eagle". Where a month ago his forward line was considered a weakness, Strudger and Ward are now playing together with the understanding of twin brothers. Derby have won three of their last four matches but could face Arsenal, the leaders, at Highbury today without Paul McGrath. RH

**EVERTON**  
Joe Royle's list of pre-Christmas presents would not have included Nick Barnby going down with influenza, but it solves one problem for the Everton manager—who should be left to accommodate Duncan Ferguson. Ferguson, having been omitted last week, came on as a substitute and scored, leaving no one in any doubt about his feelings. Tony Grant, who was on crutches until midweek after running into Paul Bracewell, has made a speedy recovery and is expected to play. PB

**LEEDS UNITED**  
The win over Chelsea might have had neutrals blanching, but it has lifted Leeds. "It's a physical game," Carlton Palmer told Leeds Club. "Chelsea came wanting to play football and we didn't let them," he said. Middlesbrough can expect more of the same today as Leeds look for a third successive victory for their best run in 15 months. With John Scales at Eland Road yesterday for talks, Wetherall, Radebe, Palmer and Beesley will all be on their mettle. PB

**LEICESTER CITY**  
Leicester hit their first target for the season by reaching 20 points when they beat Middlesbrough on Tuesday night. When they went down two seasons ago they had just 14, by Christmas, and their next three home games are all against sides below them, beginning with Blackburn this afternoon. Martin O'Neill, the manager, believes that 42 could be enough to ensure survival but remains cautious. However, with a formidable work rate they are no longer relegation candidates. RH

**LIVERPOOL**  
There could soon be hundreds of little Robbie Fowlers running around Anfield. Scheduled for completion in September next year, the Liverpool football academy will be based on the Ajax model, and will include training pitches, schooling provision, even a hotel on the 55-acre site in Kirby, all costing around £8 million. Children as young as eight will be invited to the academy to hone their skills, and young players will be invited to join from all over the world. The future looks red. DM

**MANCHESTER UNITED**  
United's win in Vienna pleased the shareholders and the accountants as much as the players and fans, and in the aftermath Alex Ferguson, the manager, and Martin Edwards, the chairman, both contemplated adding to the squad. Ferguson, however, is not being rushed. "Prices here are going through the roof, which probably means looking to Europe," he said, "and getting players who aren't cupped for Europe is a problem. We're assessing the situation." PB

**MIDDLESBROUGH**  
No Emerson (still on his latest walkabout) and no Juninho (injured) so Middlesbrough must arrest a run of ten league games without a win with no Brazilian assistance. Leeds are unlikely to prove submissive today and with the underrated Alan Moore also injured, resources are stretched. How Bryan Robson, the manager, must wish he could turn back the clock to Leeds's visit last season, when it coincided with Juninho's debut and the promise of imminent Teesside glory. LT

**NEWCASTLE UNITED**  
So now we know what managing a side as unpredictable as Newcastle is like. "The mood swings are unbelievable at times," Kevin Keegan admitted this week. What he did not make clear was whether it was to himself he was referring, or his team. Drastic action is required in the league, but it could be provided on Monday evening against Nottingham Forest. Les Ferdinand returns, less than a month after a cheekbone fracture, and his record is enviable this season. DM

**NOTTINGHAM FOREST**  
Frank Clark, the manager, has denied that Ian Woan will be sold to raise the money to repay a £2-million bank loan by the end of the year. However, it is not certain that Woan will be retained for the game against Newcastle on Monday. Chris Allen, the winger signed from Oxford over the summer, has given an extra dimension to attacks with his pace on the left side. Woan's usual position. Forest are creating opportunities, but Dean Saunders, with two goals from 15 games, must start scoring. RH

**SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY**  
It is not an easy time to be travelling to Anfield, according to David Platt, the manager, especially given that his side will again be without First, Collins and Newsome. "Liverpool are very strong now, and I believe this season is their best chance of winning the title for a long time," Platt said. But he will not be going to shut up shop. "That just plays into their hands. We have to try to take them on." The out-of-favour Sheridan is likely to complete a move to Bolton this weekend. DM

**SUNDERLAND**  
Fresh from the encouraging win at Everton last weekend, Sunderland intend to end Wimbledon's unbeaten run of 17 league matches at Roker Park today. Peter Reid, the manager, has spent much of this week in Sweden and hopes to introduce a couple of young strikers on trial next week. Like Wimbledon, Sunderland's prime asset is team spirit. This should not, however, obscure the worrying statistic that Reid's joint leading scorer, Michael Bridges, has just two goals to his name. LT

HOW THEY STAND

|                  | P  | Pts | Goal diff | Last five |
|------------------|----|-----|-----------|-----------|
| 1 Arsenal        | 16 | 34  | +18       | DLWWW     |
| 2 Liverpool      | 15 | 31  | +13       | LWBDW     |
| 3 Newcastle      | 15 | 29  | +9        | LWDDL     |
| 4 Wimbledon      | 15 | 28  | +10       | DDDDW     |
| 5 Aston Villa    | 16 | 27  | +6        | WLWWW     |
| 6 Manchester Utd | 15 | 26  | +7        | LWLDW     |
| 7 Chelsea        | 15 | 26  | +2        | WWDDW     |
| 8 Everton        | 15 | 23  | +5        | WDWWL     |
| 9 Derby          | 15 | 21  | 0         | SWWDW     |
| 10 Sheffield Wed | 15 | 21  | -2        | DDWDD     |
| 11 Tottenham     | 15 | 20  | -1        | DWWLL     |
| 12 Leicester     | 16 | 20  | -8        | WLWLL     |
| 13 Leeds         | 15 | 19  | -5        | WLWWW     |
| 14 Sunderland    | 15 | 19  | -3        | WLWDW     |
| 15 West Ham      | 16 | 17  | -7        | LDLWL     |
| 16 Middlesbrough | 16 | 14  | -8        | LDLWL     |
| 17 Southampton   | 16 | 13  | -7        | DLDDL     |
| 18 Blackburn     | 15 | 12  | -5        | LWBDW     |
| 19 Coventry      | 15 | 10  | -12       | DDDLW     |
| 20 Nottm Forest  | 15 | 9   | -13       | LLDLW     |

**SOUTHAMPTON**  
"I think we have the people in the team who have the required 'hunting' qualities," Graeme Souness, the manager, said at Highbury on Wednesday. He admitted that they do not, however, have a forward to share the load with Egil Oerstad, although Le Tissier, out today, may return earlier than expected. More important to the long-term is Hampshire County Council's meeting on Thursday, when the club's new ground at Stoneham is expected to pass its final planning hurdle. NS

**TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR**  
Gary Mabbutt, the Tottenham captain, thought his £5,000 computer would be in safe hands when he sent it to a Berkshire firm to be repaired. Sadly, it has since gone "missing", allegedly with many others, and is the subject of a police investigation. "I believe it was stolen," Mabbutt said. As if the club had not suffered enough embarrassment lately, the computer-losing company is none other than Hewlett Packard, the much-revered main sponsors of... Tottenham. RK

**WEST HAM UNITED**  
Two years ago Manchester United lost the title at Upton Park, but last season, Cantona's goal sparked the champions' ultimately successful pursuit of Newcastle United. The meeting tomorrow will be less decisive—like West Ham's finishing, in fact. There could be a recall for the unprolific Steve Jones as Harry Redknapp searches for goals. "We have no excuses," Florin Raducioiu, one of the guilty men, admits. "We need to score, we need to improve, beginning on Sunday." KP

**WIMBLEDON**  
Wimbledon look for only their second Premiership victory outside London today, and will relish the chance to spoil Sunderland's homecoming party after their win at Everton. They may parade a new international: Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, discovered the Scottish grandparentage of Neil Sullivan, the goalkeeper, and hopes to confirm his eligibility in the new year. Meanwhile, stories linking Alan Kimble with Leicester are unlikely while Thatcher remains a long-term injury. NS

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**ARSENAL v DERBY COUNTY**  
TICKETS: Sold out  
10-YEAR RECORD: 1-1, 1-2, 1-1, 2-0, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1  
HOW THEY LINE UP  
ARSENAL (from): J. Lukic, A. Linighan, S. Bould, A. Adams, L. Dixon, P. Merson, P. Vieira, N. Winterburn, D. Platt, J. Wright, J. Harrison, P. Shaw, S. Morrow, R. Garcia, R. Parfitt, M. Rose, V. Bartram  
DERBY COUNTY (from): R. Houl, G. Rowett, C. Powell, D. Powell, P. McGrath, I. Stanic, D. Yates, J. Laursen, S. Flynn, D. Sturridge, A. Ward, A. Asanovic, G. Daffy, R. Williams, M. Carson, L. Carlsley, M. Taylor

**CHELSEA v EVERTON**  
TICKETS: Sold out  
10-YEAR RECORD: 1-2, 0-0, 1-1, 1-2, 2-2, 2-1, 4-2, 0-1, 0-0  
HOW THEY LINE UP  
CHELSEA (from): F. Grodzas, D. Petrusci, P. Helton, R. Gullit, F. Leboeuf, S. Clarke, A. Myers, G. Vialli, M. Hughes, D. Wise, M. Dubarry, D. Lee, R. di Matteo, S. Minto, E. Johnson, J. Morris, F. Sinclair, M. Nicholas, G. Zola, N. Colgate  
EVERTON (from): N. Southall, P. Gerrard, E. Barnett, D. Watson, C. Short, D. Unsworth, A. Hinchcliffe, M. Hoggart, A. Kanchelskis, J. Parkinson, A. Grant, G. Speed, G. Allen, M. Branch, G. Stuart, D. Ferguson

**COVENTRY CITY v TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR**  
TICKETS: Seats available  
10-YEAR RECORD: 4-3, 2-1, 1-1, 0-0, 2-0, 1-2, 1-0, 1-0, 0-4, 2-3  
HOW THEY LINE UP  
COVENTRY CITY (from): S. Ogrizovic, R. Shaw, L. Delist, P. Williams, D. Burrows, P. Tait, E. Jess, G. McWhirter, J. Williams, J. Salako, D. Dublin, N. Whelan, K. Richardson, B. Borrows, M. Hall, J. Flann, P. Ndlovu, W. Boland, R. Gerrard, G. Strachan, L. Costello, D. Huckerby  
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (from): I. Walker, E. Beardsley, S. Carr, D. Austin, C. Caldwell, S. Campbell, S. Nethercott, J. Edinborough, C. Wilson, D. Howells, A. Nielsen, J. Doonan, R. Fox, R. Rosenfield, E. Sheringham, S. Hansen, A. Sinton, R. Allen

**LEICESTER CITY v BLACKBURN ROVERS**  
TICKETS: Seats available  
10-YEAR RECORD: 1-2, 4-0, 0-1, 1-3, 3-0, 1-1, 0-0  
HOW THEY LINE UP  
LEICESTER CITY (from): K. Keller, S. Grayson, J. Watts, S. Prior, I. Marshall, N. Lannon, E. Heskey, S. Clarke, M. Tzetz, S. Taylor, G. Parker, P. Keamark, J. Lawrence, C. Hill, S. Campbell, K. Poole  
BLACKBURN ROVERS (from): T. Flowers, J. Kenne, H. Berg, C. Hendry, G. Le Seux, T. Shewwood, W. McKinlay, G. Filcott, K. Gallacher, C. Sutton, J. Wilcock, L. Bohinen, G. Davis, S. Ripley, G. Croft, S. Given, D. Duff

**LIVERPOOL v SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY**  
TICKETS: Sold out  
10-YEAR RECORD: 1-1, 1-0, 5-1, 2-1, 1-1, 1-0, 2-0, 4-1, 1-0  
HOW THEY LINE UP  
LIVERPOOL (from): D. James, J. McGeer, S. B. Simeyba, M. Wright, P. Babb, N. Ruddock, S. McManis, J. Barnes, M. Thomas, R. Fowler, P. Berger, S. Collymore, J. Radknapp, A. Kennedy, A. Warner  
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (from): K. Preston, P. Atkinson, I. Nisbet, M. Pemberton, D. Walker, G. Whittingham, S. Carbone, A. Booth, G. Hyde, L. Briscoe, O. Trustful, S. Nicol, D. Stefanovic, S. Oakes, R. Humphreys, R. Birtcher, M. Clarke

**MIDDLESBROUGH v LEEDS UNITED**  
TICKETS: Sold out  
10-YEAR RECORD: 1-0, 0-2, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1  
HOW THEY LINE UP  
MIDDLESBROUGH (from): G. Walsh, N. Cox, D. Whyte, C. Fleming, R. Mustoe, M. Beck, P. Stamp, C. Hoggart, F. Reynolds, C. Morris, P. Whelan, J. A. Ffrench, C. Freeston, E. Roberts, M. Summerbell  
LEEDS UNITED (from): M. Marley, G. Kelly, C. Palmer, D. Wetherall, P. Beesley, L. Radebe, M. Ford, L. Bowyer, L. Sharpe, B. Deane, I. Rush, A. Yeboah, R. Wallace, M. Jackson, I. Harte, M. Beesley

**SOUTHAMPTON v ASTON VILLA**  
TICKETS: Sold out  
10-YEAR RECORD: 5-0, 1-0, 2-1, 1-1, 1-1, 2-0, 4-1, 2-1, 0-1  
HOW THEY LINE UP  
SOUTHAMPTON (from): D. Bassett, G. Lundelov, R. Dryden, U. van Gool, J. Whitting, N. Macdonald, E. Barlowe, J. Dodd, M. Cadeby, E. Oerstad, S. Charlton, G. Potter, K. Monkou, N. Moss, S. Basham, G. Watson  
ASTON VILLA (from): M. Oakes, F. Nelson, A. Wright, U. Eriksen, S. Staunton, R. Simeas, A. Townsend, M. Draper, I. Taylor, D. Yorke, S. Milesevic, J. Joachim, J. Johnson, S. Curcio, C. Tier, G. Farrelly, M. Rachid

**SUNDERLAND v WIMBLEDON**  
TICKETS: Seats available  
10-YEAR RECORD: 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1  
HOW THEY LINE UP  
SUNDERLAND (from): L. Perez, G. Hall, D. Kubicki, M. Scott, A. McVittie, R. O'Leary, A. Hain, P. Brackwell, K. Bell, M. Smith, G. Russell, M. Grey, M. Bridges, D. Price, G. Agnew, S. Aiston  
WIMBLEDON (from): N. Sullivan, K. Cunningham, A. Kimble, C. Perry, D. Blackwell, S. McAllister, A. Reeves, R. Eade, V. Jones, O. Leachard, M. Hazard, J. Eust, E. Murphy

**LEADING SCORERS**  
13: I. Wright (Arsenal)  
8: F. Riera (Middlesbrough), A. Shearer (Newcastle United)  
7: D. York (Aston Villa), M. Le Tissier (Southampton)  
7: G. Vialli (Chelsea), L. Ferdinand (Newcastle United), R. Earle (Wimbledon)  
6: G. Speed (Everton), M. Gayle (Wimbledon), E. Eriksen (Wimbledon)

**TOMORROW WEST HAM UNITED v MANCHESTER UNITED**  
TICKETS: Sold out  
10-YEAR RECORD: 0-0, 1-1, 1-0, 1-0, 2-2, 1-1, 0-1  
HOW THEY LINE UP  
WEST HAM UNITED (from): L. Mikosko, T. Brackley, K. Rowland, M. Ripley, S. BBC, J. Dix, F. Lampard, D. Wilkinson, I. Davis, S. Jones, M. Hughes, S. Lazzarini, M. Bowen, P. Fane, F. Redouani, J. Dumfries, S. Potts, J. Morgan, I. Bishop, H. Portno  
MANCHESTER UNITED (from): P. Schmeichel, D. Irwin, D. May, G. Pallister, R. Johnson, D. Blackham, B. McClair, S. Carr, R. Gillespie, P. Scholes, O. G. Solskjaer, J. Chytil, K. Pabonay, M. Clegg, B. Thornley, M. Appleton, J. O'Kane, C. Casper, R. van der Sloot

**NOTTINGHAM FOREST v NEWCASTLE UNITED**  
TICKETS: Seats available  
10-YEAR RECORD: 2-1, 0-2, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1  
HOW THEY LINE UP  
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (from): M. Croxley, A. Fette, D. Lytle, A. I. Westland, C. Cooper, N. Jerkin, S. Chelle, S. Pearce, D. Prince, C. Bell, Williams, S. Gennip, C. Allen, I. Woan, K. Campbell, D. Saunders, J. Lee, S. Howe, B. Roy, S. Blatherwick  
NEWCASTLE UNITED (from): P. Smick, W. Barton, J. Beardsley, D. Batty, D. Peacock, R. Lee, P. Beardsley, A. Shearer, F. Asprilla, L. Ferdinand, R. Elliott, D. Gracie, S. Hiskop, K. Gillespie, S. Watson, L. Clark, P. Albert, P. Rizzo

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Today  
10.45pm BBC 1 Match of the Day (Highlights)  
Tomorrow  
10am Sky Sports 1 Goals on Sunday  
3pm Sky Sports 1 Ford Escort Super Sunday  
West Ham United v Manchester United (Live)  
Monday  
7pm Sky Sports Ford Escort Monday night football  
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# Maldini to sample new menu at game's top table

Cesare Maldini, the former manager of the Italy Under-21 side, has been appointed manager of the full national team in succession to Arrigo Sacchi, who has abruptly returned to AC Milan. Thereby hangs a revolution. For Maldini, once Milan's uncompromising centre half, himself capped on 14 occasions, often as sweeper, is a *catenaccio* man.

There has been no tactical continuity between his largely successful under-21 team and Sacchi's national team, wholly committed to 4-4-2, zonal defence, and something known in Italy as "pressing", which broadly means pushing up quickly to the halfway line to deny space to the opposition. Maldini will have no warm-up matches in which to impose his preferred tactics on his team before they play England in the World Cup match at Wembley in February.

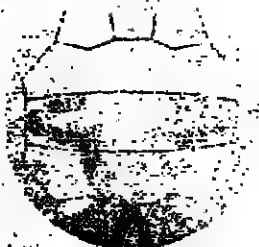
In a recent week in Milan, I had lunch almost every day in L'Assassino, a restaurant long associated with AC Milan. Woe to whoever expresses opinions which run counter to the club. On the day of the recent Milan-Internazionale derby, a dinner rose to his feet and, as he left, addressed me — "I hope you're wrong about Maldini; when you say you think they'll draw."

In the event, draw they did. I, though they squandered a glut of chances to win, Maldini presides, a gaunt, authoritative presence over the long table at the top of the main room. Those who sit with him, mostly prosperous and middle-aged football lovers all, are happy to delve into the past.

At the foot of the table sits, as Maldini proudly points out, a silent old fellow in his 90s. He eats slowly and methodically, all energy consumed by digestion, for he

CESARE MALDINI

THE FACE OF FOOTBALL



By Brian Glanville

never says a word. Maldini himself speaks freely and frequently, and does not mince his words. When he recently watched Newcastle United play in Metz, he pronounced himself amazed

by their defence which, he says, could have given away 14 goals.

He is now 64. He has never managed a club, has won European titles with his under-21s, — they are the reigning champions — but seems to have lost his chance of succeeding Sacchi when his under-23 team went out disappointingly early in the Olympic tournament in the United States last summer.

Perhaps the best advertisement for his methods is Paolo, his son, a handsome young man who figured prominently in the past two World Cups, both as an attacking left back of pace and brio, and as an accomplished centre back; though not as *libero*, the position that his father often filled.

Born in Milan — Cesare is from Trieste — Paolo was coached by AC Milan from boyhood and it is his only club. This season his disap-

pointing form has been a mystery. For so long one of the most reliable and influential figures, with Milan and Italy, he has been strangely erratic, and only now is he beginning to recover form. It was notable in the Milanese derby, that he seldom embarked on his overlapping runs. A crisis of confidence, or so it seemed, but nobody will protest if Cesare keeps him in the Italy team.

If Cesare seems long in the tooth for his new role, it must be said that he has no obvious rival. The name of Dino Zoff had at first been canvassed. Zoff played 112 times for Italy, captaining them to their World Cup triumph in Spain in 1982.

He has managed Juventus and Lazio, whose president he now is, a man of infinite, quiet dignity but without the dynamism of Enzo Berzot. A fellow Friulan from the northeast of Italy, Berzot managed the



Cesare Maldini: committed to introducing *catenaccio*

asm on either side. Italy's leading managers prefer to work, most lucratively, for clubs, either at home, like Marcello Lippi, of Juventus, or abroad, like Fabio Capello, now at Real Madrid, or Gianni Trapattoni, at Bayern Munich.

Sacchi's departure from his £800,000-a-year job will not be mourned by supporters or media. Though Italy, under his aegis, reached the final of the 1994 World Cup and lost it only on penalties, he has never been loved or admired.

Gianluca Vialli, now at Chelsea, excluded from that 1994 World Cup, remarked subsequently that Sacchi and Antonio Matarrese, his protector, then the president of the Italian Football Association, were "the two most unpopular men in Italy".

Sacchi's return to Milan started badly on Wednesday, with European Cup defeat by Rosenborg. He never kicked a

ball in decent football even as an amateur. Fusignano, his local club, told him that he would never be a player: he might as well coach the youngsters. This he did with increasing success, remarking in later years: "You don't have to have been a horse to be a jockey."

"Flair" players made Sacchi uneasy. His relationship with Roberto Baggio, whose goals took Italy to the World Cup final, has been famously fraught. So has that with Beppe Signori and Gianfranco Zola.

Last summer, in Euro 96, Sacchi made the ludicrous mistake of omitting five of his main team against the Czech Republic, lost, and saw Italy eliminated.

Cesare Maldini may miss those happy lunchtimes at L'Assassino. Managing *prime donne* of Italy's top team is not the same as managing the bright-eyed under-21s.

## FOOTBALL

# Winterburn and Wright escape action on charges

By Russell Kempson and Peter Ball

IAN WRIGHT and Nigel Winterburn, the Arsenal players, escaped punishment yesterday after appearing, separately, before a Football Association disciplinary commission. Wright was found not guilty of bringing the game into disrepute, but warned as to his future conduct, while Winterburn was cleared of a misconduct charge.

The pair are thus free to play for Arsenal, the FA Carling Premiership leaders, against Derby County at Highbury this afternoon. However, Dennis Bergkamp, David Seaman and Martin Keown, will be missing, because of injuries, as Arsenal attempt to stretch their three-point lead.

Wright and Winterburn were charged by the FA after incidents arising from the 4-1 victory against Sheffield Wednesday in September. During the match, Winterburn was alleged to have made an obscene gesture at a group of disabled Wednesday supporters.

Subsequently, after David Platt, the Wednesday manager, had made critical remarks about Arsenal's tactics, Wright called him "a pervert". He later apologised to Platt and his family.

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said yesterday: "There

will be no further action. Ian has been warned as to his future conduct and must be careful about what he says in the future."

Wright was pleased with the outcome. "I have been treated fairly again by the FA," he said. "I'm pleased it's all over, for me and Mr Platt. Of course, I do regret what I said. It caused a lot of distress for him and his family. When you

Ray Harford, who resigned as manager of Blackburn Rovers, the Premiership strugglers, has been made assistant to Steve McMahon at Swindon Town, with the aim of improving their away form.

see it in print, you realise how bad it looks."

Manchester United, mission accomplished by reaching the European Cup quarter-finals, can now concentrate on the Premiership for three months. Arsenal, Liverpool and the rest of the title challengers should beware.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, has always maintained that the aim was to keep in touch in the league until the Champions' League, the first stage of the European campaign, was out of the way. Then, and only then, would

their attentions turn to the Premiership; against West Ham United at Upton Park tomorrow, the time has come.

December and January is an important period for us now," Ferguson said. "It gives us an opportunity to focus and concentrate on getting some consistency back into our game in the league. There may be a bit of hype in the weeks before the game with FC Porto [United's next European Cup opponents], but that's a long way off. We've got a good bit of time now to concentrate on the one thing."

United attempt to begin their charge without Roy Keane and Nicky Butt, their key competitors in central midfield. They were injured in the 2-0 win over Rapid Vienna on Wednesday, with Keane expected to be out for a month with a gashed leg.

Conflicting reports again emerged yesterday over the future of Emerson, Middlesbrough's troubled Brazilian midfielder player, who is still in Rio de Janeiro apparently comforting his sick wife, Andrea. Gianni Paladini, Emerson's adviser, said: "His wife isn't well and he is prepared to give up football. At the moment he doesn't care whether he plays again or not."

However, another report suggested that Emerson could soon return to Teesside. He was quoted as saying: "I intend to return to Middlesbrough with my wife, possibly next week. I can't leave at the moment as she is bed-ridden and depressed."

Alex Miller, the former manager of Hibernian, has been appointed assistant to Gordon Strachan at Coventry City, who play Tottenham Hotspur at home today. Steffen Iversen, Tottenham's £2.5 million signing from Rosenborg, of Norway, makes his debut.

Dave Merrington, the former Southampton manager, and John Byrne, the former Ireland striker, have emerged as frontrunners for the vacant managerial job at Brighton, the Nationwide League's bottom club.

# Boreham Wood double act gets results

Walter Gammie charts

the rise of a small club in Hertfordshire once near bankruptcy

Combine a chairman who has a coaching badge with a manager who is an accountant and you either have a recipe for trouble or a model for a new form of progressive football club.

For Phil Wallace and Bobby Makin, the chairman and manager of Boreham Wood, respectively, the success of their partnership can be judged by the fact that the club, from the 1c League, will be making its first appearance in the second round of the FA Cup today, away to Luton Town.

Wallace joined the club after taking an FA coaching



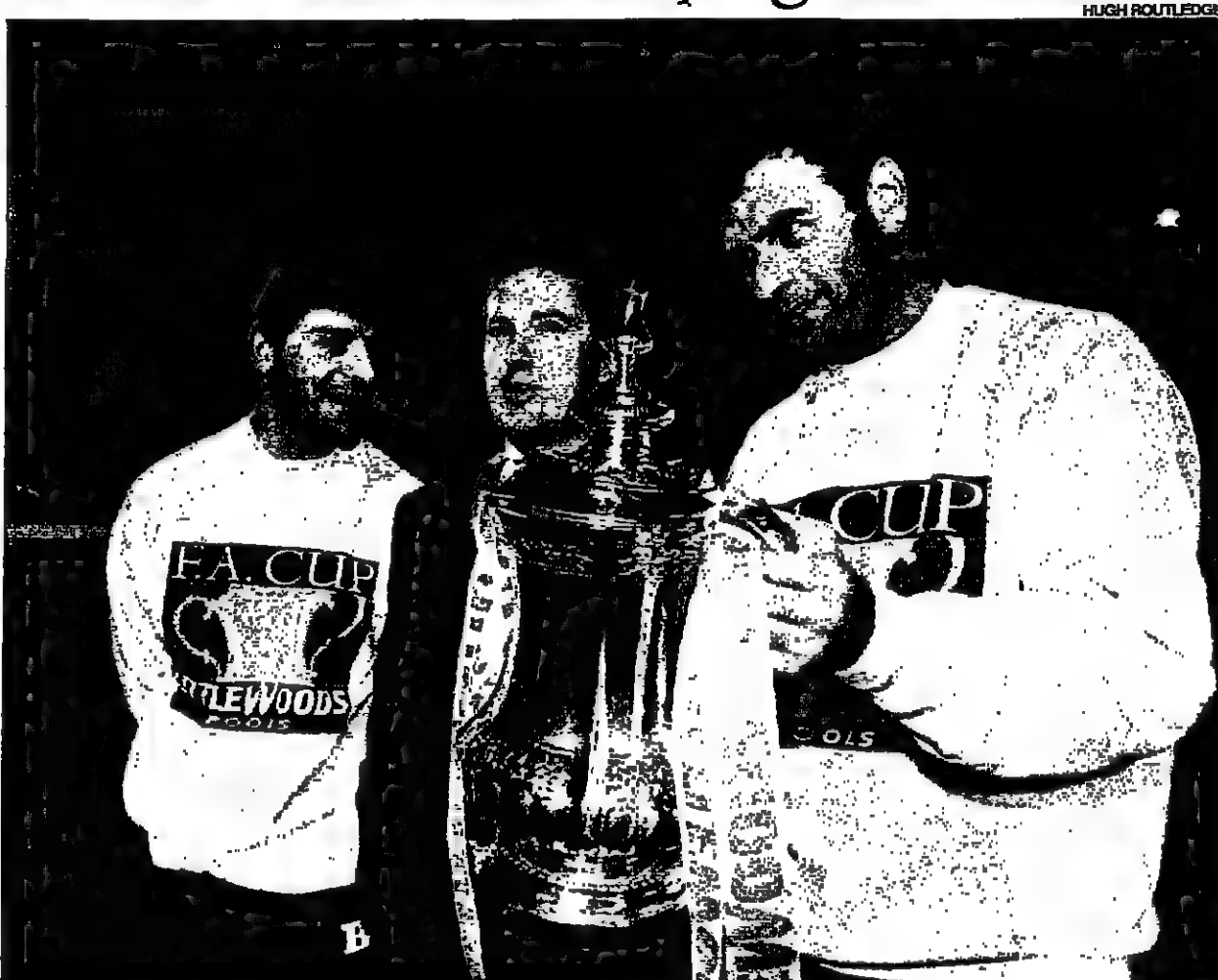
course "as a valve to release pressure" from his work running the L & M Food Group. He arrived in August 1990 to assist Trevor Harvey, the manager; by December, he was chairman.

The club was more than £100,000 in debt and losing £600 a week. "It didn't have anywhere to go," Wallace said. "The bank manager was pressing at the door. I was asked to get involved and said: 'I'll do it for three months, get it straight and then I'm away again.'"

Six years later Wallace is still there. "The financial side of the club is such that, if I walked away, it would continue to do well even if it would miss a bit of my drive," he said. "The satisfaction comes from getting the club to make its own money."

Wallace's initial cash input helped to clear the debts, his energy to ensure five successive years of profit. Boreham Wood lie in Arsenal's catchment area and are among the lowest in the 1c League premier division, so outside revenue is vital. Wallace built an artificial pitch, refurbished function rooms and appointed a commercial manager.

Last season the club went into the final day as possible champions, but finished third behind Hayes and Enfield. There was an increase, if hardly a surge, in atten-



Makin, with hands on the FA Cup, Wallace and Harrington, the captain, hope to make club history at Luton

dances, which Wallace puts down to the 13 previous seasons, spent in the first division, that "left a whole generation of youngsters with no reason to come to the club".

Two years ago he made Alan Carrington, the assistant manager, football-in-the-community officer, which has brought the club into the schools and children to the club.

Carrington had been instrumental in bringing Makin to Wallace's attention when the chairman made the painful decision to part with Harvey four years ago. Carrington was helping at Boreham Wood after his days as assistant to Makin at Dartford ended abruptly when the club folded.

Makin, a true non-League warrior, wrapped up a career of more than 1,000 matches in 22 years with six matches at the age of 39 to finish his first season at Boreham Wood. He wanted to get his message across from closer quarters: five wins and a draw proved the point.

"The next season we won promotion and since then we've had our highest league position, our farthest run in

the FA Trophy and reached the FA Cup second round for the first time," he said. "If we beat our first League club, it will be another major achievement."

Yet Makin has been wearing a frown most of the season. Amid unbroken cup success, league form has been poor and fourteenth place is well short of expectations. "When we won at Rushden [3-2 in a first round replay] it

was the first time I'd seen him smile," Terry Robbins, the striker, said.

Robbins, 31, finally achieved his goal to play in the Football League last season — 18 appearances, two goals, with Barnet — but cut short a two-year contract to return to the City. Impressed as he is by Makin's dedication, Robbins is in awe of his chairman's commitment. "He's football mad," Robbins said. "He's always there at training, watching what's going on." Wallace said that, at 47, "creaking bones" forbid anymore active role.

What would send Makin into raptures would be a victory over Luton followed by a third round draw against West Ham United. "I work for Dagenham Motors, and they sponsor West Ham," he said. With that happy thought, it was back to work.

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# Dent aims to join idle rich

NICK DENT, the Ashford Town striker, eats, breathes and sleeps football, with the emphasis firmly on sleeping; but, if Neil Cugley, his manager, can borrow Vinnie Jones's ghetto blaster and blare *In The Mood* around the Vicarage Road dressing-room today, Dent might wake up for long enough to give Ashford, the Dr Martens League premier division club, a tilt at removing Watford from the FA Cup and secure a place in the third round.

Dent was once with Bristol City, but he could not cope with either full-time training or Joe Jordan, a disciplinarian manager. He has been airily described as the Eric Cantona of non-League football.

Surprisingly, Dent, the Ashford leading goalscorer, was the only man to miss when his side beat Dagenham and Redbridge on penalties in an away replay last week.

Cugley believes that his underachiever can surprise Watford, however, along with Jeff Ross, the winger, Matt Carruthers, the Royal Ma-

Steve Addison on a sleepy town's attempt to emerge among the FA Cup big names

rines forward, and Paul O'Brien, the defender.

Work appears to be a grey area with Dent. "He does as little as possible; I think mainly he's known as a professional bed-tester," Cugley said. "He doesn't like to get up too early. Well, that's not quite fair, he tries to get up in the hours of daylight, but doesn't always find it possible."

"For a manager, he's frustrating because, at times, he simply doesn't work hard enough; but he does remind me of [Matthew] Le Tissier. You know, that drifting role and suddenly he thumps one in from 30 yards; our crowd love him — and, despite his work-rate, I wouldn't swap him for anyone, he's class. His first touch is excellent and he's a superb finisher."

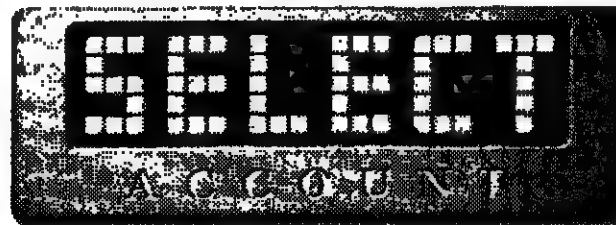
Dent, 28, signed professional forms ten years ago, but did not progress, drifting off to Yeovil Town, Poole and, eventually, Ashford, after a spell in Hong Kong.

"I am hoping to show Watford a thing or two," he said. "The bigger the stage, the bigger the player, they say, and I do like the big games."

Cugley is Ashford's only full-time employee, supplementing his income by running football fun weeks for schoolchildren. He has a wealth of FA Cup experience, however, even if he has never beaten League opposition either as player or manager in five attempts, the last chance coming two years ago when Ashford lost to Fulham in a replay.

Ashford — average gate 600 — expect to take 4,000 supporters to Watford for their first FA Cup second-round tie since the 1960s, "and I believe we can win", Cugley said. "Even the local council are excited enough to have given us £1,000 for new blazers, ties and trousers."

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His Airness still graces court of rich and powerful



Ahead of the pack: Rob Andrew will be hoping to uphold the Barbarian tradition of running rugby when he captains them against an Australia XV at Twickenham today. Yesterday a group of willing pupils from Grey Court School, Richmond, arrived at Roehampton to give the former England stalwart a taste of what to expect from the Australians. Photograph, Marc Aspland. Preview, page 44

Lloyd tries video tonic to lift team's spirits

## Atherton's injury adds to England's worries

FROM SIMON WILDE IN HARARE

ENGLAND'S cricket tour of Zimbabwe could barely be going less smoothly. What was anticipated as a morale-boosting mission has been plagued by illness, a misguided work ethic and two bewilderingly heavy defeats at the hands of minor opposition.

Yesterday Michael Atherton, the captain, received two injections in his lower back in an attempt to relieve chronic pain and keep alive hopes that he can yet turn the team's fortunes around. Nobody involved with the England side underestimates the importance of Atherton to their success, not only as captain but also as leading batsman who, time and again, forms the rock to which they cling.

Atherton will stand down from the one-day match against Matabeleland in Bulawayo tomorrow, but plans to resume his place on Tuesday for the four-day game against them in the last fixture before the internationals.

He received the same treatment — two injections either side of the sacroiliac joint — 18 months ago, before the Lord's Test against West Indies. It is designed to increase his mobility, clearly restricted over the past few days to the detriment of his batting. His scores on the tour have been 0, 2 and 7.

Before his medical appointment Atherton faced some gentle throw downs in the nets as England practised at the

Harare Sports Club, the scene of their humiliating three-day defeat at the hands of Mashonaland, which has raised doubts about the quality of management.

David Lloyd, the coach, said that there had been no diminution in Atherton's contribution because of his medical problems. "The captain's input is absolutely first class and the part he has played is miraculous, considering what he is going through," Lloyd said.

"He has had problems an international captain can do without. People have criticised him in the past for his body language and posture but there is nothing he can do about them [because of his back trouble]."

Lloyd conceded that there had been a stark difference between England's tentative



Atherton: back trouble

approach and that of the Mashonaland side which contained five amateurs but played with a competitiveness, self-belief and desire that their opponents did not remotely match.

Part of England's problem is that they have been slow to adapt to Zimbabwe's climate and culture, and especially the slow pitches. On a slow but true surface, England were dismissed for paltry totals of 197 and 180 and several batsmen were out to tame shots against the apparently innocuous medium-pace bowling of players such as Gary Brent. Of equal concern is the form of the seam attack, which has consistently failed to bowl the right length for the conditions.

Lloyd nevertheless defended the decision to let the players rest for two months at the end of the English season and prevent them from playing any cricket during a pre-tour get-together in Portugal. "I'd do it all again," he said.

Lloyd hopes that the anger and disappointment of their poor start will have a positive effect on the players. There are only 14 in the party and the management has already hinted that the team beaten by Mashonaland is close to its preferred Test XI.

As for the Zimbabweans, they are unlikely to be lulled into complacency by their early successes. It has given them an important edge, but it is one that they will need if they are to create further upsets. They were indeed wise

to decline a request from England for Mashonaland to meet them again in a limited-overs match yesterday, left blank by the premature end of the four-day fixture.

The result on Thursday was greeted with delight among the local population. Shortly after the match finished, the chairman of the Mashonaland Cricket Association, which hardly possesses the deepest coffers, announced its victorious players would each receive a bonus of ZIM\$1000 (about £65).

"This is a great result for us," Don Arnot, the chairman of the Zimbabwe Cricket Union, said yesterday. "It is significant that, having only played England in one-day matches before, we showed here in a four-day match that we have the resources to cope and remain competitive."

Lloyd did one other thing to lift the spirits of his players yesterday. He played them videos of their best performances against some of the world's top players. "That's you lads; you were done by Gary Brent," he told them. "We are better than they are."

Lloyd is right, of course. England do possess the better players. He knows that, his players know that, and so do the Zimbabweans. The problem is proving it when they get out in the middle. Time is running out.

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## Confident Graham tips Scales to sign

BY DAVID MADDOCK

LEEDS United have agreed a £2.7 million fee for John Scales, the Liverpool central defender, who is likely to sign for the club on Monday. Scales travelled to Elland Road yesterday for talks that stretched from lunch time through to early evening, and expressed his satisfaction with the progress of negotiations.

"We will talk further over the weekend, but I am happy with the way things have gone so far and, if everything goes to plan then I will be happy to return to Leeds," Scales said.

Scales will become the first signing by George Graham since he became manager three months ago. He might not have cost the club a penny. He joined Leeds as a teenager, but was released on a free transfer at 19, without being given an opportunity to prove his worth.

"We have agreed the fee and had amicable negotiations," Graham said, "and if he wants to come here, we will regard him as an important signing."

Regi Binkler, the Sheffield Wednesday midfielder, had his global suspension lifted by Fifa, the sport's world governing body, yesterday. He will be in the Wednesday starting line-up at Anfield today.

However, Binkler was fined almost £36,000 after being found guilty of contravening regulations preventing players from signing contracts with more than one club.

## Henman's journey into the unknown reaps rich reward

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN MUNICH

TIM HENMAN could round off his year with the biggest payday of his short tennis career today and, with luck, learn one of the most important lessons. Win or lose in the Grand Slam Cup semi-final against Boris Becker, Henman will end up considerably richer than he was on Tuesday morning when the competition began, but he will also know what it is like to play a big-money, high-profile match in front of a largely hostile crowd.

The Olympiahalle here holds 11,500 spectators and Becker is the local hero. For the past three years he has made Munich his home and, as one of Germany's favourite sons, he is expected to win in style. Henman, too, carries more than a few expectations on his shoulders. Since he reached the quarter-finals at Wimbledon he has been seen as the saviour of the once beleaguered British tennis world. In June, though, his success was a novelty and every win was a bonus. Now success is expected and he has a lot to live up to.

Whatever happens today, Henman's world ranking will stay the same. There is only money and pride to play for in Munich as the official season ended two weeks ago when the top eight men in the world played for the ATP world championship in Hanover. Henman is at No 20 in the world but, as yet, he has not pitted his wits against the top men and, as he may find out today, the step up to the heights of the top ten is a huge one. He is only 22, but by the same age Becker had won Wimbledon three times and the US Open once. Now one of

the grand old men of the tour, Becker could teach Henman a very sharp lesson.

For all Henman's progress, he has yet to play the likes of Chang, Muster and Ivanisevic, and the match with Becker will be their first encounter. Of the top ten, Henman has played only Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Wayne Ferreira and, while he has beaten both of them this year, he has also lost to both. Against Sampras, the world No 1, he has yet to take a set from him in two meetings.

The coming year, too, will be hard for Henman. He will no longer be the new boy on the tour and the top players will have seen what he can do and where his weaknesses lie. However, he and David Flanagan, his coach, have their plan of action and Henman is not about to believe the hype that surrounds him. He

knows that he must become physically stronger and consolidate upon the achievements of the past 12 months. The top ten may be his goal, but it will take time and a lot of hard work to get there.

Defeat today would be softened by the consolation of earnings of \$431,250 (about £263,900) from his week's work, while victory would open the way to the \$1 million first prize. Munich has proved by far and away the most lucrative tournament for Henman: he has doubled his year's earnings here. His achievement at Wimbledon may have brought most prestige, but it was worth only a mere \$51,025. Six semi-finals in ATP events have yielded up to \$35,000 apiece and reaching the fourth round of the US Open brought in \$45,000.

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## Clubs condemned by one law for the poor

From Monday onwards, Virginia Bottomley, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, could be cast as doing for the football industry what she did for the National Health Service — becoming the matron of closures. The Football Trust, without whose grants the ordered modernisation of grounds in England and Scotland could not take place, meets to discuss the increasing damage done to its budgets by the National Lottery.

John Reames, one of the ten trustees, said: "We will have to have a moratorium on all new fund offers. The loss of income into the Football Trust is so serious that 20 clubs at least, all of them in the [National League] second and third divisions, will be in a dire position. I can't see them finding the means to rebuild their stands."

The demands of the local safety committees won't change and, as Thursday's dramatic television programme of Hillsborough reminded us, can't change.

What Reames is talking about amounts to the end of League football as this country has known it for the better part of a century. He cites clubs such as Bournemouth, intending to move to a new stadium; such as Portsmouth, Reading and Port Vale, all of them desperately reliant on the Trust for funding.

But this is where Bottomley's influence sits heavily on the sport. In January the doubling of the National Lottery will bring an anticipated £80 million into the coffers; that is precisely the shortfall left in the building process towards safety and comfort which, after the Taylor Report, must be completed

Rob Hughes says cutbacks may change the face of football as seen for a century

by the new millennium. The irony is that those best able to help themselves have had all of the Trust money, £139 million of it, towards new stadiums costing £437 million.

No complaints there. Lord Justice Taylor said that the greatest threat to public safety was at the top and the priority, rightly, was to sweep away the crumbling Victorian edifices that threatened life and limb.

However, even before Hillsborough, there was another harrowing tragedy in an English stadium — the fire at Bradford City that killed 56 spectators. Reames was there that day. He is chairman of Lincoln City, who were the visiting team in May 1985 when the fire swept through the old wooden stand. Being there changed irrevocably the priorities of Lincoln City; Reames presided over the

rebuilding of the ground, the destruction of two stands horribly like Bradford's, the resurrection of a stadium costing £3.25 million — one third of it coming from the Football Trust. "Building the ground is one of the reasons why we are still in the third division today," the chairman conceded. But the club has a future, it can be filling its 11,000-capacity stadium at the turn of the century in a Football League diminished by, as he forewarned, 20 casualties.

"The Government can be the final straw that puts a number of these clubs under," Reames said. "It was a declared policy of the Government to help to provide money, which derives in the first place from the taxation on football and the pools. Now, the Government is reneging on Taylor; we were told in the

House of Lords two weeks ago that there would be no more money for football and no extension to the Taylor deadline to complete all the modernisation by 2000."

Reames could hardly be accused of crying wolf, or of self-interest or self-preservation. His little club has a total wage bill of £750,000 per annum. This is less than the "gate" at a Manchester United match, less than the £1 million the top clubs hungrily anticipate from pay-per-view digital television, much less than the average £2 million that FA Carling Premiership clubs each reap per season from hospitality-box income.

Two worlds, but the Lincoln of football can live within the structure, must survive within it. Last month in the Lords, Lord Ingledew, the Under-Secretary of State for

National Heritage, stated bluntly that football must help itself. "The Government looks to the football authorities to ensure that the vastly increased revenue the game is now receiving from television and other commercial sources is distributed to enable clubs in all divisions to meet Taylor on schedule," he reiterated.

Reames shakes his head. He has put the roof over his own house in order, he shares the duty of the Football Trust members and he is on the board of the Football League. And to him the future is strangled. He knows that the concept of premier clubs saving smaller ones to groom young players will be a non-starter if there is nowhere for them to breed and to play their youngsters.

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## Trouble in Hovis land

Moves to build a Sainsbury's supermarket in Shaftesbury, Dorset, have driven a deep wedge between people in the town. Jane McCarthy reports

The sky darkened over the historic English market town of Shaftesbury on Monday evening as the mayor, Derek Beer, emerged from the café he runs on the High Street. He crossed the road to join his deputy, Ray Humphries, who runs the hardware store opposite.

The occasion was the illumination of the High Street. No fancy laser displays or flashing decorations, just simple fairy lights strung from one side of the street to the other. Here is a street that takes a pride in itself: window boxes for the Britain in Bloom competition during the summer, traditional bunting for carnival week in October, and now early December and the month of Advent.

But this year's ceremony marked the advent of something other than the season of goodwill, for Tuesday, December 3, marked the final stages in the battle by the supermarket giant Sainsbury's for the soul of Shaftesbury.

The Second Supermarket Campaign, which according to many will threaten the very survival of the High Street, has already driven a wedge between one section of the community and another, set council member against council mem-

ber, cousin against cousin and given rise to a storm of protests and accusations of vested interest, bias and bribery.

The fault-lines that run through every community — of age, class, occupation — have become gaping cracks as residents, shoppers, livestock auctioneers, football and cricket club members all play their part in this small-town supermarket war.

After months of negotiations with the town and district councils, financial inducements, surveys, reports, opinion polls, objections and amendments, North Dorset District Council's planning services committee was finally to meet to consider the planning application by Chelverton West Limited on behalf of Sainsbury's.

To city dwellers who expect a choice of mega-stores, it may all sound like over-reaction. Yet this drama is being enacted in rural towns across the country, and arouses passions that amaze even those most intimately involved.

Perched 700 feet above sea level, this Saxon hilltop town, the Shaston of Hardy's Wessex, retains the attributes he described in *Jude the Obscure*, "one of the queerest and quaintest spots in England".

and "a breezy and whimsical spot". The "natural picturesqueness and singularity of the town" to which he refers can still be detected. It is a thriving market town with its own cattle market, weekly street market, and a High Street not yet dominated by the major chains, but still boasting small family businesses — bakers, florists, a greengrocer, butcher, gunsmith and hardware store.

The startlingly pretty Gold Hill is so unspoilt that it was used as the backdrop for the famous Hovis television commercial. Shaftesbury is a town where words such as millinery, hosiery, haberdashery and ironmongery do not seem out of place, nor do old-fashioned courtesy and personal service. You can expect George Anstee the baker to doff his hat in greeting, for Abbots the greengrocers to mind your shopping while you call into the shop over the road, and for Humphries the hardware shop to

fit the new batteries in your clock. As Mayor Derek Beer says: "I believe in Shaftesbury. People generally don't care about their towns any more, but Shaftesbury still has community pride and people care. They cross the road to talk to each other. It's very sad that people are so divided. These developers come down here and turn body against body. They're devils."

There is indeed a perception among some people that Chelverton's determination to secure a site in Shaftesbury is almost malevolent. Hovis of derision greeted the Sainsbury's representative, Alison Peach, at a packed public meeting two weeks earlier in the town hall when she claimed: "The store has been designed for the requirements of the town. We want to be part of the community." Some two-thirds of the 100-strong audience voiced objections to the scheme that afternoon, and for those people developers repre-

sent the enemy, the outsider set on increasing profit margins at the expense of residents.

They have Shaftesbury Town Council, the Chamber of Trade, the Council for the Protection of Rural England, and the Civic Society on their side. George Anstee spoke with grim determination for many when he said: "If we accept Sainsbury's, this will become Shaftesbury's town. Please stick together and fight to the death."

And fighting there has been: petitions (one conducted as early as January 1995 attracted the signatures of 2,000 objectors in a matter of days); leaflets proclaimed "Don't go Insanesbury's"; empty shop fronts were daubed with the slogan, "Make Shaftesbury a super market town, not a supermarket town," and columns inches in the local papers were devoted to a war of words between the two sides.

In favour of the application is a group calling itself Supporting

New Shaftesbury Supermarket, headed by resident Hugh Woodhouse, to counter what he sees as "a vociferous minority who tend to be opposed to a lot of things. The biggest problem is that people who attend public meetings and write letters tend to be 55-plus, professional, well educated, articulate, and with the time to devote to such a cause. I looked around at the opening meeting, and saw a sea of greying and thinning pates, because everyone else was at work on a Tuesday afternoon."

Aligned with him are three of the 12 local councillors, the football club, cricket club, and Southern Counties auctioneers, who jointly lease the land under discussions and who all stand to gain from a successful bid.

They claim that 70 per cent of the town supports their cause. The opposition lobby claims the real figure is nearer 17 per cent. Councillor John Freeman, however, insists that his pro-Sainsbury's stance is "being guided by the people I've been elected to represent. To my knowledge I'm the only councillor who has knocked on people's doors to find out what they think. I don't

believe the argument that most people can't understand what these plans mean. I have faith in the ordinary person."

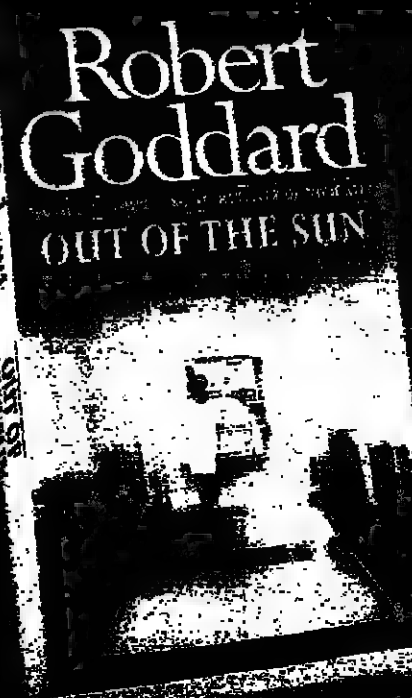
Understanding the plans as submitted by Chelverton is like trying to build on shifting sands. The exact site, dimensions, car parking arrangements, product lines and inclusion of a petrol station have over the months all been debated and redefined. The arguments hinge on the sale of amenity land within the town, the size of the development in relation to the needs of Shaftesbury, the increased traffic, the impact on the independent high street shops, and the location barely meeting the government's guidelines for "edge of town" developments.

The town council, while acknowledging the need for another, centrally situated food store on an appropriate scale, has objected to the planning application and, as joint land owners with North Dorset District Council, has refused to sell the land. Their detractors note that since many members are town traders their views are self-serving and letters published in the local paper have

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They are called "classic trunks", "jockey thongs", "tanga briefs", "traditional boxers". This is because, in order to sell vast quantities of them, the manufacturers have to call them something else, so as to stop us laughing, or being embarrassed, or doing anything else that might make the cleaving of us from our cash any trickier.

It is for this reason, of course, that they do not call them "smalls", either. They do not draw our attention to pants. In department stores you may see signs directing you to "men's accessories", or

"shirts, ties and socks". But there is never a big arrow pointing through the perfumery, past the food hall on the left, to a department called "pants".

Socks are okay. The ideal Christmas gift. You will even find a thing called Burlington Socks in a Tin (£9.99). As if tinning your hosiery made it a more acceptable gift at yuletide. But "Pants in a Tin"? No chance. And yet, you must give pants this Christmas. Because it is far too embarrassing, nowadays, for a man to buy them himself.

It is a similar embarrassment to that which attaches to buying condoms: the woman behind the till is going to be imagining what you look like in them. And she is going to find it funny. This situation has been exacerbated by the modern pant box. For the norm

## SERIOUS SHOPPING

## UNDERPANTS



BY GILES COREN

among designers is to illustrate with an impossibly toned middle section, filmed in classic homoerotic black-and-white porn pose. Rumormongering through one department store's collection, I confess I blushed.

What if I had been seen comparing the boxes? In the Isle of Man you can still be hanged for less.

One Armani box had the man wearing nothing at all, advertising only what your bottom might look like after you had taken the pants off. The funny thing is that nobody with a body in this sort of shape could possibly afford the pants. One pair by Dolce & Gabbana cost £39.99, and was offered with

a matching "tank-top" at £69.95. Now, if you are going to spend £110 to sit around in your pants and vest, you will have to get a job. And then you will have no time to

go to the gym, pick up your steroids, or have your chest waxed.

What you get for your extra cash is a huge waist-band with the designer's name embossed all the way round. This is so that you can wear it pulled out of the top of your half-undone jeans emphasising both your fashion sense and gleaming abs (this look does not work well with a suit). Then, of course, you have the words "Hugo Boss", say, pressed into your skin all day so that after work you can peel off to reveal designer love handles.

The old boxers versus Y-fronts debate, by the way, is over. The rage now is for knee-length ther-

mal longjohns. Yves Saint-Laurent does a pair for £13.99 and Boss does a stretch cotton number (£36.99) with a misplaced pee-hole positioned somewhere around your pelvic bone.

**T**he man in the picture wears it with a medium-sized haggis inside, but the traditional Scottish pudding was not included in the box I opened.

If not the long-legged effort then you must have the briefest of briefs. Hom do a black pair with some of that lacy elastic netting on the top and fishnet effect featuring crocheted flowers over the pubic bone (£21.99). Don't look at me like that. They sell them in Selfridges. Hom also do a charming red micro brief for £10.99, and a sports model which features a man

engaged in what appears to be a cross between ballet and bare-knuckle face-slapping. Sloggi is good, too. Scandinavia is the last word in pants — and the model even has chest hair.

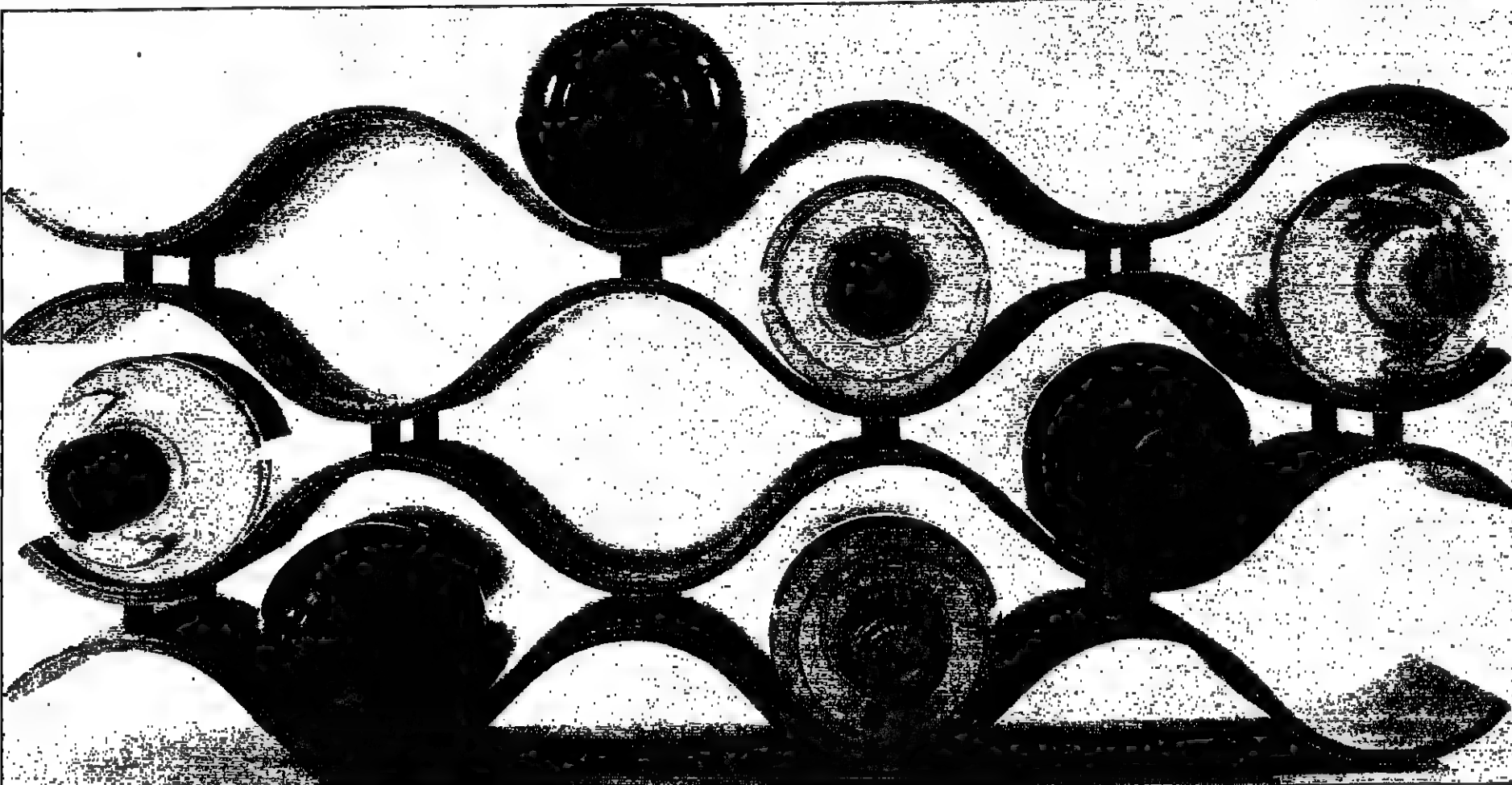
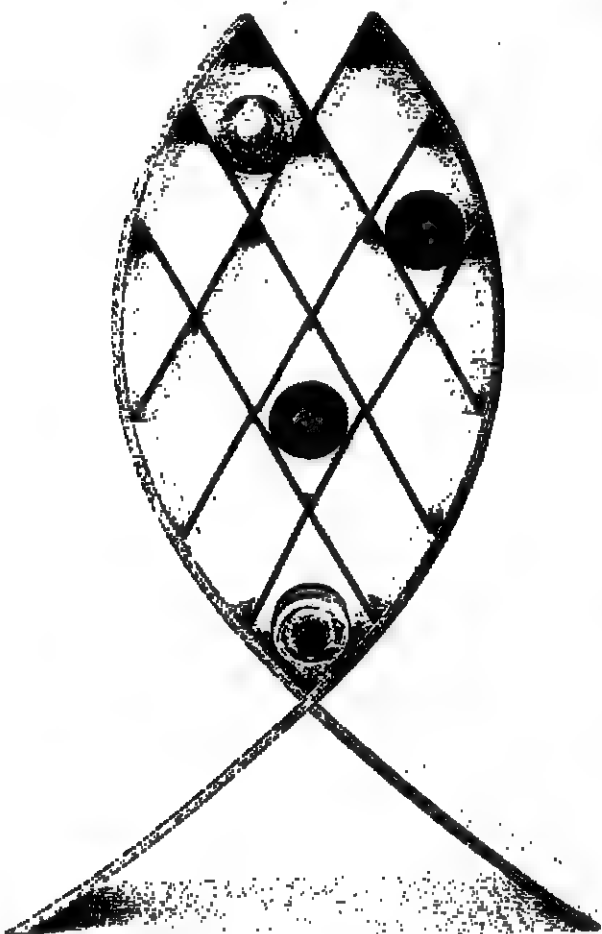
Darkest brand-name: 20x/ist. The artist formally known as pants? These dubious people make a thing called a snap fly boxer brief. Frightening.

Perhaps it would be best to escape the designer jungle altogether, and head for M&S, the great panopolis. Three cotton slips cost £7.50, and you can buy two briefs for £7 safe in the knowledge that they are "quick drying to keep you cool and dry". At least they will know what you mean when you ask for Calvin Klein Lycra-mix, double-layered, pouch-fronted, leisure smalls.

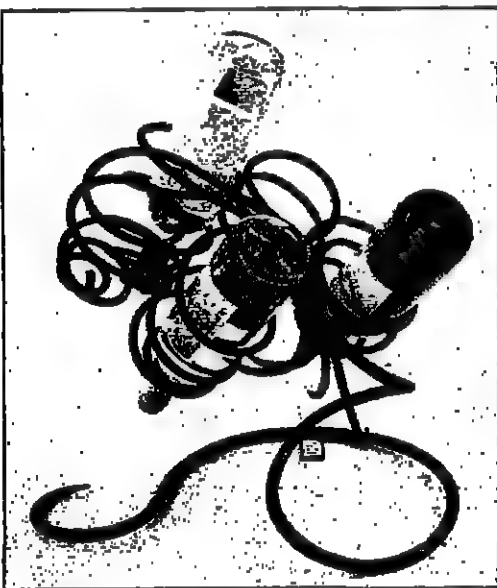
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# Corking decor

**T**he more expensive the wine, the more carefully it needs to be stored — somewhere dry and away from vibrations and temperature fluctuations. *Sophie Chamier* writes. But this is the age of supermarket buying for almost immediate consumption. These decorative wine racks are fine for everyday wines you intend to drink within six weeks or so. They are designed to look good on display in the (sometimes steamy) kitchen or (periodically sweltering) dining room, but they also perform a vital function in keeping the bottles on their side or at an angle. For, as everyone knows, you should never store a bottle of wine upright as the cork will dry out, oxygen will get inside and you will end up with vinegar.



ABOVE: The Bottle Shelf by Manufacture, from £55, in laminated beech with aluminium fittings. Extra layers can be added. From John Lewis, Oxford Street (0171-829 7711; mail order, 01273 488441)

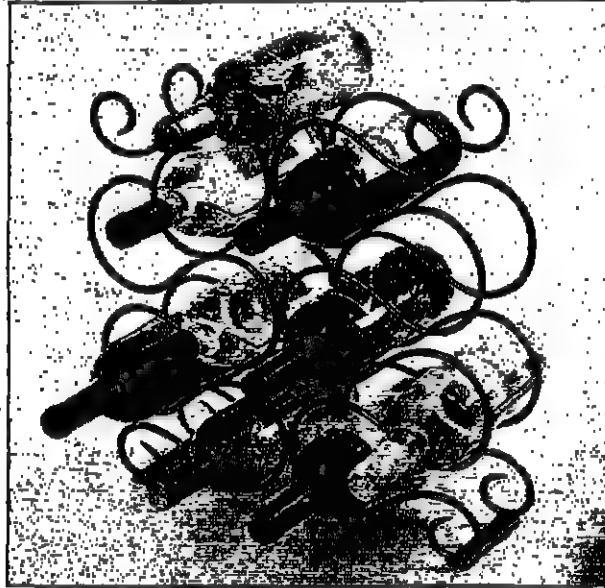


**FAR LEFT:** Drink Like A Fish wine rack by Jonathan Hoar, £247 (p&p £15), in beech laminate with birch ply inserts (01923 855882)

**MIDDLE LEFT:** A five-bottle wine rack with black waxed finished steel, £85 (inc p&p), from Blasca Design (01439 771702)

**LEFT:** A six-bottle wine rack, £18.95, from branches of Jerry's Home Store, 183 Fulham Road, London SW3 (0171-581 0909); Hampstead (0171-794 8622); Bantall's Centre, Kingston (0181-549 5333); and Harvey Nichols (0171-245 6251)

**RIGHT:** Curly metal ten-bottle wine rack, £18.95, from The Pier (0171-351 7100). A popular design with a speckled finish



## 'Councils roll over for Sainsbury'

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questioned the integrity of the mayor and deputy mayor in particular. One woman wrote: "Our councillors should remember that they are on the council as servants of the public and to carry out the wishes of the residents of Shaftesbury, not in furtherance of their own business interests."

She also implied that the removal of the petrol station and cafeteria from the revised Sainsbury plan and the reduc-

tion of household items to be stocked was a direct result of their influence. "Our mayor has a café and does not drive a car and our deputy mayor has a hardware shop."

Ray Humphries made an emotional response to these accusations at a special council meeting attended by more than 30 members of the public. "Yes, I do have an interest — my interest in Shaftesbury as a community and what happens to it in the years

ahead. My heart has always been in Shaftesbury and that is where it will firmly remain."

A member of his family, however, is firmly rooted on the other side of the fence. His cousin Paul Humphries is chairman of the football club which stands to gain if the planning applications succeed. Chelverton on behalf of Sainsbury has promised a new enclosed pitch and a 200-seater grandstand as part of a package swathed in secrecy

and speculation. Whether money has already changed hands in order that Sainsbury secures the option to build is not known: certainly it has not been denied.

Seen by many as the insidious side of big business which buys its way into people's lives through limitless resources, these inducements are defended by Paul Humphries: "When we came here in 1971 this land was not wanted by anyone. There's been a lot of hard work in that time. It's an expensive operation running four teams and although there's a lot of goodwill in the town there has been little financial support from the council. To compete in a higher league we need an enclosed playing area and covered grandstand."

**S**imilarly the cricket club envisages a roster future with the help of Sainsbury. Relocation forms part of a package that the team captain Guy Lowton resolutely defends: "We want to secure the future of cricket in Shaftesbury which at the moment is uncertain. We haven't as a club entered the great supermarket debate and the council has refused discussions with us even though developers have been talking to us for at least six years."

Every faction cites a different enemy and the accusations are many: councillors are undemocratic, traders are swayed by vested interest, football and cricket club members put their sport before their town, the public is misguided or reactionary, planning officials disregard the basic principles of government planning guidelines, and developers manipulate, make hollow promises and buy people loyalty.

Through all the mud slinging, the wrangling over details continues. Will there be ten supermarket shoppers really walk 300 metres to the start of the High Street after they have finished at Sainsbury's let alone 500 metres to its heart?



For Paul Humphries, chairman of the football club



Against: his cousin Ray, deputy mayor, outside his shop

## THE SUPERMARKET BOOM

**S**INCE guidelines introduced in June this year, sites for building supermarkets fall into three categories: town centre, the preferred option; edge of centre (within easy walking distance of the main shops), such as in Shaftesbury; and — the least desirable — sites well served by public transport. Revitalising town centres is central to the policy. Developers apply to the district council and if planning permission is refused, they can appeal to the Environment Secretary. Since 1986 Sainsbury's has built 206 new stores of which 21 are in town centres, 47 are edge-of-town

and 138 are outside. Waitrose has opened 41 stores, some new and others in renovated buildings. Safeway has built 194 new stores in the past ten years, 49 per cent in town centres, 38 per cent in suburban areas and 13 per cent on the edge of a town. Tesco has opened 289 in the past ten years and hope to open a further 25 a year before the millennium. Asda has opened 66 new stores since 1986 and plan nine more by next April. In 1986, Britain had 432 superstores (more than 25,000sq ft in size). By 1996 it had 1,034.

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Fake fur is flying on the catwalks as today's designers develop a fluff fixation, says Grace Bradberry

# A stroke of genius for the foxy lady

**F**ake fur trims and fluffy wools appeared in almost every designer collection for this winter. They ranged from the dowdy to the glamorous — from coarse fuzz to fake mink soles. On every catwalk, a bit of fluff softened stark designs or gave a retro hippy twist to an otherwise plain, 1990s look.

Dolce & Gabbana showed fake fur soles that took the models on a trip back to the 1950s, while Alberta Ferretti had little woolly cuffs and collars.

The shaggiest of the shaggy dog stories came from Clements Ribero, a British design team, which used pure Tibetan lambswool in its bohemian-inspired collection. Tippets — fur neck wraps — were the most conservative option, used by Christian Dior.

Overall, the fake fur and fake wool accessories were among the wittiest and most wearable things that designers had to offer, and they have made a smooth transition to the high street.

Earlier in the autumn, when temperatures were hovering well above zero, they might have seemed frivolous, even self-conscious. But they are now beginning to look alluringly cosy.

They are also a good way to bring life and fun to blocks of colours such as brown or cream, which could otherwise appear dull.

**W**hen temperatures rise again, several of these pieces will still be wearable because the cuffs and collars are detachable. The cream Desiré cropped cardigan, shown here, becomes positively spring-like when the wool trims come off, as does the Fenn Wright & Manson sweater.

The key to wearing fur or wool trims is to keep everything else simple. Do not mix a jacket with a skirt from elsewhere — instead, wear an entire suit.

Trimmed cardigans are much easier to wear with plain skirts, though it is more directional to mix them with patterns and go for the full bohemian look.

One of the disadvantages of wearing lots of fluff, however, is that it can end up wearing you. I chose this brown Karen Millen suit (below) because it is well-cut and the fur trims are so distinctive. But it was

also an attractive buy because the jacket can be worn partially unzipped, creating the deep V-neck that is fashionable now and ensuring that the Afghan-look trim can be worn slightly looser. On days when you are feeling under the weather, and any excess fluff is irritating, it can be removed.

The stretchy Morgan jacket and the dress are both wedded to their fur trims. But in the case of the dress, the relatively wide and slightly low neckline keep the fur at bay, well below the chin.

If you are happy with the clothes you have, and simply want to update them, then the best bet is a tippet, or a boa. Most of the leading

accessory names have produced fake fur tippets. Some look real, some do not. The most stylish are in blonde. Wear them with same-colour outfits and the effect will be chic, no matter how cheap the fake fur.



ABOVE: Peach tweed side-vent skirt, £45, by Jigsaw (0171-491 4484). Beige fur-trim chunky knit cardigan, £125, by Fenn Wright & Manson at Fenwick's



ABOVE: Cream fur trim cardigan, £75, by Desiré. Leopard print silk slip dress, £39, by August Silk Intimates, both from Fenwick's (0171-629 9161). RIGHT: Tan tweed jacket with blonde fur trim, £115, from Morgan (0171-436 5255). Copper Jersey a-line skirt, £88, by No Such Soul at Hype DF (0171-738 8538). Photographer: Steve Poole. Stylist: Deborah Brett. Make-up and hair: Nicky Taville at Tami Tanaka for Shu-Uemura. Model: Sarah Holland at Models One

"A toast, he said, to all that's elegant, vibrant, stylish, with hidden depths and a full, well-rounded body besides which all others must be measured."



Brown fake fur bobble hat, £119



Leopard fake fur coat, £299



Fake fur trimmed glove, £69. Bobble hat, leopard coat and gloves all by Sant de Terán



Chocolate brown zip-front fur-trimmed jacket, £175, and matching trousers, £89.95, both by Karen

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## GARDEN ANSWERS

STEPHEN ANDERTON  
replies to readers' letters

**Q** I have been given some seed of a scented hosta. Please could you give advice on when and how to sow and care for them. — M. Mitchell, Fittleworth, Sussex.

**A** This will be *Hosta plantaginea*, a white-flowered species requiring great warmth to do well and flower. The blooms open in late afternoon and evening. The flower stems rise to about 30in, and the flower tubes themselves can be up to 5in long — much showier than your average hosta. Gertrude Jekyll recommended growing it in a tub stood outdoors for the summer.

Hostas are easy from seed. Store the seed in a cool place, then sow it in spring in a pot away from slugs, or in a row in shady ground with slugs controlled. Put the seedlings into pots when they have a few proper leaves, and when they are sturdy little plants bring them into the garden. They will take a few years to flower, but will make good foliage plants in the interim. Rich moist soil will speed them along.

**Q** I would like to buy some ground-cover roses for my husband's birthday. Including 'Grouse' (pink) and 'Nozomi' (pale pink and white). Please would you advise. — K. Staples, Marlborough, Wilt.

**A** No rose provides real ground cover, but with a good mulch they may remain reasonably free of weeds beneath. When you do have to weed through these roses, it is a miserable job. 'Nozomi' may be very pretty but its hooked thorns are vicious. 'Grouse' romps off in all directions, up to 10ft, as does the single pink 'Max Graf'. You might like the new 'County Series' of roses. 'Surrey' grows to about 2ft tall and twice that across. It is a frilly double pink, and was full of bloom in my garden in November. 'Kent' is a double, open-centred white 3ft across. You may have seen the pink 'Flower Carpet' advertised as being disease-free. It is, but it is also a very ordinary flower. 'White Flower Carpet' has much more style, but just the same disease resistance. No spraying there. All are available from mail order rose growers.

**Q** Please advise me as to the best fertilisers for evergreens and coniferous trees. — K. McKeown, Darlington.

**A** Most coniferous trees are undemanding about soils. More important is the depth of soil and rainfall. So unless you have desperately poor soil, no feeding is necessary. Nine times out of ten conifers look poor because the site is too exposed or they are short of water. Some withstand bitter winds, some do not. Broad-leaved evergreens are another matter. Evergreen oaks and *Magnolia grandiflora* and even holly will benefit noticeably from a good rich soil and generous feeding. So will the smaller laurels, privets and viburnums. The best fertiliser is a good mulch of old rich compost.

**Q** In October we saw clumps of cyclamen flowering naturalised in the Cotswolds and were told this was *Cyclamen neapolitanum*. We tried to buy them in nurseries in the Cotswolds without success. Where can we obtain some, and will they grow here? — P. Tate, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne.

**A** They will certainly grow for you. Outdoor cyclamen corms are sold by mail order from specialist suppliers, or growing in pots from specialist herbaceous nurseries. They seed freely and a flowering corm in a pot will give you promise of many seedlings to come. Cyclamen have been taken from the wild in devastating numbers in recent years, and you should always be suspicious of corms larger than a 10p piece. (They can grow to a great size.) Dry corms are harder to establish, especially if they have been dried to desiccation, and I prefer to buy live plants. Flora and Fauna International, of Great Eastern House, Tenison Road, Cambridge CB1 2DT, publishes the *Good Bulb Guide*, which lists suppliers who pledge "never knowingly to sell wild bulbs".

**Q** Readers should write to: Garden Answers, Weekend, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. We regret that it may not be possible to deal with every request. Advice is offered without legal responsibility. Enclosures cannot be returned.

## Jane Owen offers seasonal advice for gardeners from the best tree to buy to courses and talks



The range of Christmas trees grows by the year, and the claims get wilder, but some varieties are better at keeping their needles and most, so long as they are freshly cut, smell of pine

## Metric Christmas everyone

THIS YEAR you will no longer be able to buy a 6ft Christmas tree. For the first time you will have to buy a 150-175cm tree and I'm sure they'll be more festive for it — Metric Christmas everyone.

Whatever the size, here is the annual Christmas tree sermon. If you want to buy a growing tree, do so from a reputable agent. Containerised trees are not necessarily alive but Sainsbury's Homebase, for instance, boys trees which have been potted a full year before

they go on sale so they have had time to settle and start to grow. Keep the trees as far from heat sources as possible and in as cool a room as you can manage, whether or not the tree's supposed to be growing.

The range of trees grows by the year, and the claims get wilder, but some varieties are certainly better at keeping their needles and most, so long as they are freshly cut, smell of pine. If you give a tree a shake and some needles fall, don't buy it.

■ Blue Spruce is a pretty blue/green and has minimal needle drop but is the most expensive tree.

■ Norway Spruce is the traditional British Christmas tree. Bad needle drop but cheap.

■ Nordmann or Caucasian fir is a handsome regularly shaped tree with a slight blue tinge.

■ Serbian spruce has a slightly silvery look because the needles are pale blue underneath.

■ Scots Pine holds on to its long needles most successfully of all the trees mentioned here.

■ Noble fir is a fine deep blue/green colour with a regular shape and excellent needle retention.

■ Lodgepole pine sometimes comes with cones on the tree but it is a conifer, less regularly shaped tree than many and can show a hint of yellow.

■ The blue-grey White fir is claimed to smell of oranges when the needles are crushed. Maybe the ones I sniffed had been cut too long but I could smell only the usual pine.

## GARDENER'S UPDATE

you will never be able to visit it because it was made on-screen with a programme called 3D Landscape V2 Deluxe CD-Rom (£99.95) which can "grow" my garden ten, 15 or 50 years from now. This ingenious software can tell where shade will fall at any time on any day of the year and it has a

selection of 2,000 trees, shrubs and flowers. It can call in information from the Internet and can take you on a 3D walk through your garden. Who needs endless television this Christmas when you could be building gardens until the days lengthen? The picture you make, how-

ever, is crude. Plants are shown by symbols of annuals or shrubs rather than actual pictures. And I found it had trouble working on an Apple Macintosh — my neighbour had to spend four hours sorting out his computer after my gardening activities. This is one of a collection of CD-Roms sold in Britain by Howitt and Mowit Distribution, which let me try several of the programmes, including

one designed for children called *Forever Growing Garden*. I was baffled but I'm sure children would be able to handle it. Details from Howitt and Mowit on 01380 848118.

## Fair contest

SOMETHING to look forward to: a national plant fair on May 18, 1997. Now all you have to do is grow some plants for it. The National Trust is holding the fair at properties all over the country to raise £100,000 and plans to establish it as an annual event. Plants will be supplied by commercial growers and volunteers — that means you, so put aside a few extra seedlings this spring. Register as a grower and claim an information pack on 0181-315 1111 or send an SAE to National Trust Spring Plant Fair, PO Box 39, Bromley, Kent BR1 3XL.

## Woman's work

KEW GARDENS is hosting a series of talks to celebrate 100 years of women gardeners. Gillian Cox will talk about the Great Vine at Hampton Court Palace on January 31. Sally Festing will lecture on Gertrude Jekyll on March 28 and Laura Ponsonby will talk about the influence of Kew on women on March 21. Tickets are £3 a lecture from the shops at Kew or from Sarah Oldridge, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB.

## In the frame

HARLOW CARR botanical gardens in Harrogate has regular gardening courses and shows. The visitor centre is currently exhibiting botanical drawings, paintings and photographs by students. The show is free and open until February 16 at Crag Lane, Harrogate, North Yorks HG3 1QB (01423 565418).

## Big and tasty

MY COMMENT last month that giant vegetables rarely taste good has brought a challenge from Geoffrey Swaddle in Northumberland, who says his giant cabbages taste excellent. He sells the seed at £3 a packet but you will need space for these monsters, which can weigh 57lb. The seed, bred from the American giant strain, Tex, crossed with some British heavyweights that Mr Swaddle will not

name, should produce some prize-winners — but can anyone else vouch for the flavour of vast vegetables?

Mr Swaddle's tips are to set the seed in the greenhouse this Christmas and plant them out in March in as much well-rotted manure as you can lay your hands on. They do better in a wide open space, apparently. He says his lightly boiled with gravy. For details ring Mr Swaddle on 01434 603212.

## Tinsel time

THE Royal Horticultural Society will stage its Christmas show on December 10-11 at New Hall, Greycoat Street, London SW1. Tinsel and artificial flowers will be allowed among the horticultural elite exhibits and there will be a mass of gardening presents including topiary. RHS members free, non-members £5 on December 10 (10am-7pm), non-members £3 on December 11 (10am-5pm). For information ring 0171-821 3000.

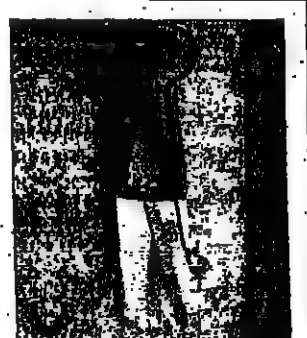
## Fantasy land

YESTERDAY I made a third of an acre garden, single handedly, in about two hours. It has a series of formal yew and box pyramids and balls, a vegetable garden and an interesting mixed border dotted with architectural plants, a fountain, greenhouse and barbeque.

My garden is splendid but

## FIND OF THE MONTH

■ OK, so my latest find isn't modern. It is about 4,000 years since sheep shears were first used but just a few since they moved into the garden as Master Shear, which can be used for topiary, dead heading and edging. The blades are longer than secateurs, and the way they spring back into the cutting position makes them handier — and more dangerous — than scissors. They are also more robust than most garden scissors which, in this household, are constantly being snaffled by other members of the family for school projects. Nobody, however, would dare to take these. Master Shear costs £14.50 including p+p from Burgon & Bell (mail order, 01423 33262).



## PLANT OF THE MONTH



■ *Lilium nepalense* was brought in from the Himalayas about ten years ago and has a mysterious-looking dark green flower with a purple-brown throat. It is tricky to grow but worth it. Plant in humus-rich soil without a trace of lime. Like most lilies it needs fast-draining soil. It may take a year to settle and needs deciduous shade and plenty of water during the spring and summer. In late summer it blooms and, if happy, produces up to six flowers per stem. Bulb specialist Jacques Armand has a good stock at £2.35 per bulb. For free catalogue and further information contact the Nurseries, Clump Hill, Stannmore, Middlesex HA7 3JS (0181-954 8138).

## How to keep tabs on your plants

Edwardian push-in tags are back in fashion and essential if you want to avoid chaos

If you decide against using labels, you are asking for trouble unless you are obsessive about keeping a labelled garden plan up to date. If you decide in favour, the choice is huge both in terms of materials and style, although garden centres rarely have a comprehensive range so it is worth going direct to a specialist.

Alternatively, cut yoghurt pots into oblong strips for "push-in" labels or, with a loop of wire, hanging labels for trees and shrubs. This is a cheap system although I dislike splashes of pure white in the garden and, if, as some suggest, I push the labels deep into the ground so only the last centimetre is visible, I usually lose the labels altogether.

Wells and Winter has been in the business since the 1970s and manufactures many of the 32 different varieties of labels it sells. The family firm is run by Sir John Wells, the former Kent MP, and his wife, Lucinda.

Traditionalists will be delighted to hear that they have reintroduced the yellow wooden push-in labels (£2.20 for 50) which I remember my grandparents using. Mark them with pencil and they should last longer than plastic equivalents because, in frost and heat, plastic becomes brittle faster than wood rots. The company has tried to make plastic acceptable by dyeing it

standard push-ins to 9cm by 5cm rectangles suspended from metal legs. Prices start at 90p for ten in black or white.

At the cheaper end of the range, at £2 for 100 push-ins, there are labels in eight bright colours which are particularly useful for colour-coding dahlia tubers, or groups of plants — so long as you can remember what the codes stand for.

In the past 15 years Edwardian-style labels have become fashionable and Wells and Winter sells these in zinc from £5 for ten stick-ins. Aluminium oblongs with a pointed end to stab into the ground sell at £1.50 for ten.

Stylish black labels — tags of stick-ins (100 for £4.80) — come with a scribbler for scratching the writing on and, for those with serious money and plant collections, there are the black and white engraved labels as seen in most botanic gardens, from £2.50 each.

Sir John's personal favourites are copper hang-ons (£11 for 100), simple copper oblongs which are attached to trees and shrubs with a loop of wire and are marked with a ball point. They weather to an attractive grey-green. The firm also sells fun labels, such as rabbit or hedgehog shapes on a metal pole to stick into the ground (£3.50).

J. Q.



Plain zinc (left) and etched zinc labels (both £5 for ten, Wells and Winter)



## WEEKEND TIPS

■ Check pelargoniums and fuchsias brought indoors for the winter. Remove dead leaves, keep cool, light, and give the very minimum of water.

■ Put into store for the winter any garden pots or ornaments which are not frost-proof.

■ Lightly mow lawns with a lightweight rotary mower only in dry, windy weather.

■ Pick flowering sprigs of winter jasmine, witchhazel, *Viburnum farreri* and *Viburnum tinus*.

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## FEATHER REPORT

a swift period of demolition followed by a frenzied rebuild. It would have been a disruption, a scar on the face of the city for a while, but it would heal. It might also be reversed one day. The countryside does not snap out of it



Then there was what we thought was a good policy to encourage the preservation and establishment of meadows and grassland. That was fine, until BSE (the indirect result of another policy) meant the stock were culled; so now I guess the

confirmed rumours of a bypass. It was cancelled a couple of weeks ago in the Budget. As for weird set-aside, how long will that last?

Random and unpredictable upheavals forced Stephen Thomas out. He lived near a cathedral town

by, the plough got nearer to the perimeter of the field in front of my house. Once, some of the road was turned over as the tractor driver sought to cultivate the maximum acreage. Bridleways went the same way. The hares disappeared, fewer

endless churning out of new policies. I can confidently predict that they will sound terrific. On paper.

● **Readers can write to:** *The Times Countryside Campaign*, c/o Weekend, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E14 6XN.

with a snout, snuffing fish and instantly a herring gull that had been coasting by started hovering above. It had seen the fish and hoped to eat it, and it was, as you probably know, a cormorant might have been the more, and the gull must have seen the fish up and down once or twice, and the gull must have been optimistic about stealing it. But being wary of the cormorant's danger-like beak, it

● **What's about Birds — look out for blackcaps in gardens.**  
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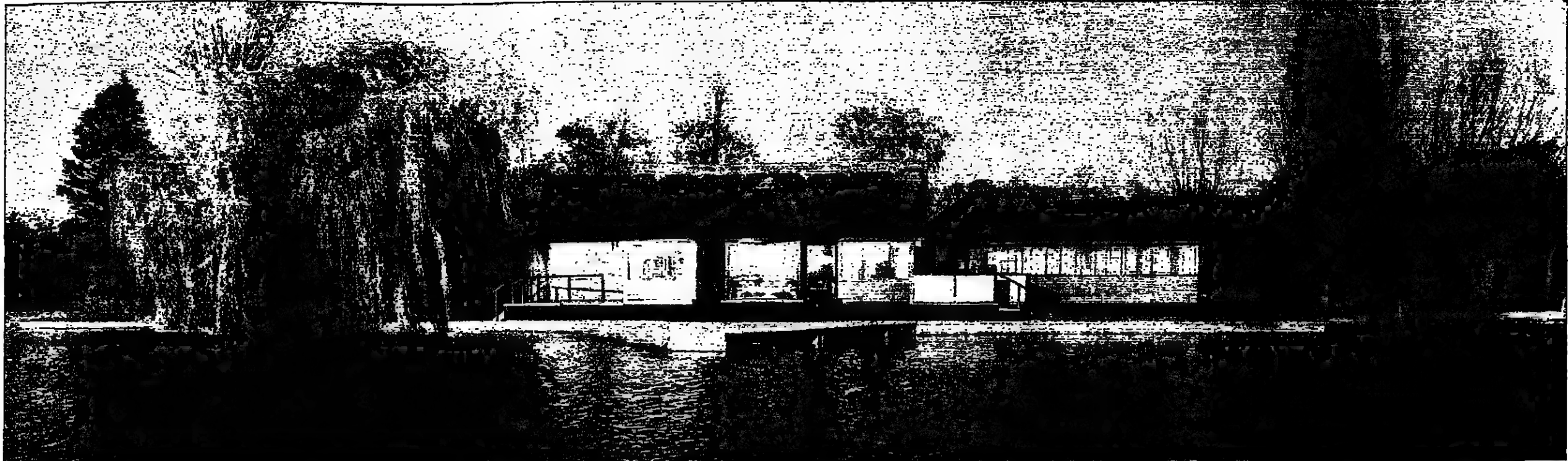
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## A turn-of-the-century boathouse on the Norfolk Broads has become a splendid five-bedroom retreat



Sheerwater can be reached by land but is best approached by boat. The house, which has a strong nautical theme, is for sale through Savills at £325,000. Since the nearest house is 400 yards away, peace seems guaranteed

## Window on a waterworld

Just as the prow of our launch swung out into Wroxham Broad, a marsh harrier coasted steadily above the silvery water. A family of moorhens bobbed and ducked, not far from a crested grebe. It is possible to walk to Sheerwater through a woodland path but by far the best way to approach this truly enticing house is by boat. We left our car at the finger-end of an inlet, and five minutes gentle motoring had the whole broad in view, with Sheerwater at its northern end.

The Norfolk Broads, long assumed to be a natural feature, are now thought by some to be the result of medieval peat-diggings. Whatever their origin, they are a haven for sailors and lovers of wildlife. Sheerwater offers a remarkable setting for exploring this corner of England.

I spent the summers of my youth on the lakes in Maine, and nothing I have seen in England reminded me so much of those idyllic days as this Norfolk retreat.

Built as a wet boat house with living accommodation at the turn of the century, the house has gradually become a five-bedroom home while still retaining a strong nautical flavour. It is pine-panelled throughout.

Wooden houses are unusual in Britain, but this one, with its roof of sturdy Norfolk reed, seems as much made of glass, with enormous windows on both sides of the house. Even at the close of a winter afternoon, Sheerwater was filled with dazzling light.



The kitchen has pale oak cabinets and blue-tiled work surfaces

### HOUSE OF THE WEEK

**Sheerwater, Wroxham, Norfolk • Price: £325,000**  
● **Setting:** eight miles NE of Norwich (regular trains from London Liverpool Street; journey time approximately two hours)  
● **Shopping:** Norwich, not renowned for nightlife, offers museums, theatre and a fine cathedral. Wroxham has shops, banks and a sailing club on the River Bure, which connects with the Broads network. Heaving shopping onto a boat, rather than bus, does make a nice change but the seasick-prone, beware.

We lashed our launch to the deck and climbed out onto the quay heading which juts out over the broad; already I could imagine summer afternoons lazing on the deck. A walk around this long, slim house in a design that gives most rooms windows facing both north and south reveals its two faces: there is a strip of woodland at the back, with weeping willows and swamp cypresses, that overlooks another narrow cut of water — where wet and dry boat-houses



The 30ft sitting room has glass all around and an uninterrupted view of the broad for nearly a mile. Even in winter it is filled with light

can be found. The area, including this inlet, is about 3.4 acres, and the nearest house is 400 yards away — peace and quiet seem guaranteed.

But it was only on entering the house that I truly appreciated its extraordinary situation. The sitting room, 30ft across, faces south, east and west — there is glass all around, and a view down the broad that stretches uninterrupted for nearly a mile.

The pine panelling is painted white, the carpet is creamy pale; a comfortable green sofa stretches out in front of the largest, southern-facing window as if it were a giant screen — and it is. Who would need television or cinema when you could sit here for hours, watching the birds and the water and darkening sky? A thunderstorm would be a *son et lumière*.

There is no fire, but plenty of new radiators; although Sheerwater does have the feel of a summerhouse it seemed as if it would be cosy in winter too — if you didn't mind a chilly cruise first to reach it. The master bedroom, also

decorated in white, faces south, west and north; a shipwright has installed a fine teak surface at the north wall and a porcelain sink, reinforcing the impression of a particularly spacious cabin.

This is by far the best of the bedrooms: the other four are small and serviceable, though with good fitted cupboards and drawers for storage. In the smaller bedrooms (particularly the easternmost, at present painted mint green), the panelling can seem a little overwhelming, even if you are happy to imagine yourself on board ship.

This is particularly easy in the last two bedrooms to the east, for they are just off a narrow corridor that faces the broad; it has windows, not porches, but otherwise perfectly calls to mind the deck of a cruiser.

Each end of the house has a good expanse of south-facing verandah; this is a home where it would be just as easy to be outdoors as in. The low-ceilinged master bathroom

has been modernised but retains sturdy green fixtures that look as if they date from the 1950s (was this the colour that came before avocado?) and has a wooden parquet floor; the smaller, eastern bathroom has an inviting sunken bath.

The kitchen, which, like the bathrooms, was given a thorough overhaul by the present owners, is a wonderful room, with windows north and south, a generous expanse of blue-tiled work surface and pale oak cabinets.

There is an electric hob — Sheerwater is not connected to gas. But its new owner won't have any water bills — it draws its own supply from a borehole, and in the boot-room/workroom off the kitchen, a water treatment cylinder nestles next to the new electric boiler.

Kitchen and bathrooms are not all that has been renewed. The present owner, a restaurant designer, bought the house in 1988, and since then has rewired and replumbed the property entirely, as well as redressing the thatch. The house is long past the fragile

impermanence of the boat-house accommodation that was its beginning.

This is a house to buy for space and light — for mornings boating on Wroxham broad, and afternoons watching the sun set over the water. It would be bought in the knowledge that there will be no others like it — planning permission for such a house would never be given now, and it is surely destined to remain in isolated splendour.

The price tag of £325,000 is not small, certainly for Norfolk, but it would be a privilege to live here. A visit to Sheerwater was an escape to silence and the natural world that seems barely separated from the house itself: there is nothing between you and the wood and water but thin panes of glass.

We cast off from the quay as the sun began to set. Behind us, the windows flashed like jewels, like the glittering broad, in the low winter light.

ERICA WAGNER

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### PROPERTY NEWS

■ A THIRD of a million people each year move house without hiring a removal firm, according to Pickfords. The firm has launched Selfmove, a service providing vehicles with tail-lifts and packing materials, and a help pack with video. For a brochure ring 0800 901010.

■ THE latest *Which? Guide to Renting and Letting* published last week (*Which?* Books, £10.99) offers advice for landlords and tenants on the 1996 Housing Act, part of which gives landlords the automatic right to evict tenants.

■ ONE in seven rural households live in private rented accommodation, says a report by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, compared with one in 11 in urban areas. Just 16 per cent of private rented accommodation is furnished in rural areas, compared with 43 per cent in urban areas.

■ GARAGES in London can cost 50 per cent more per square foot than the residential properties around them, according to agent Douglas & Gordon in Chelsea. The firm recently sold a garage in Chelsea for £70,000 on a 29-year lease.

■ MORE than half the members of the National Association of Estate Agents think the standard of local education facilities influences house prices, according to a recent survey, with many buyers looking at schools before houses.

■ THE Middle River, a six-mile salmon-rich stretch of the River Beaulieu, ten miles north-west of Inverness, is for sale through Knight Frank (0131-225 8171, offers over £500,000).

AMANDA LOOSE

### SELLING POINTS

No home should be without one. It is the place where award-laden actors claim to carelessly toss found solace gazing upon fading cartoons that were once side-splittingly funny.

For others with a more practical bent a downstairs lavatory is a necessity. If a small child is caught short, the extra scramble to get upstairs to the bathroom could spell disaster, while the potential for family rows is high if one bathroom has to serve in the preschool, pre-work rush hour.

A convenient convenience is also so much more handy when entertaining, and you can spare your guests the embarrassment of stumbling about upstairs trying to find the right door to the lavatory.

If you are selling your house, a downstairs lavatory is an asset you should show off to prospective buyers, say estate agents. It may be the proverbial smallest room but has a universal appeal. Over a certain price level, many buyers insist on it.

An extra lavatory is also a helpful addition for househunters who may be elderly or perhaps less mobile and find

### THE DOWNSTAIRS LOO



A downstairs cloakroom adds value

climbing stairs more difficult. And a downstairs cloakroom is also a logical addition if you are offering your house for sale with the potential for an extra bedroom on the ground floor.

In the popularity stakes adding an extra lavatory or whole bathroom ranks

as the third most common addition by home owners, behind the perennial attractions of a new kitchen or double glazing.

It may also enhance the value, particularly if you can squeeze in a lavatory in an unused space such as under the stairs or in a basement and do not need to sacrifice room anywhere else.

The cost of installing an extra lavatory will vary considerably depending on the ease of access to outside drains and cold water supply, but you can expect to pay around £500. The cost of the lavatory itself will start at around £100 — much more if you have a penchant for a mahogany loo seat or gold fittings.

You can even squeeze in an extra loo in a more difficult space such as a cellar. A loo with a special pumping unit attached can overcome the problem of the room being below ground level or some distance from pipes.

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# Golden oldies worth another spin

An old house that needs restoring need not be a liability if you get the right advice

Restoring an old house can be an anxious time, with fears of subsidence and rot, blood sweat and tears, and huge expense. But for the brave who battle through these difficulties, the rewards are great.

Today, the recovering housing market is encouraging more people to take on old houses whose condition might once have put them off.

Business has been brisk for estate agents. Cluttons of Oxford reports the sale of 13 properties needing substantial restoration since the spring, from country cottages to farmhouses. But it recommends not buying an old building unless you are prepared to accept its particular character, warts and all.

You must adapt to a house, rather than trying to iron it into the shape you want, says Philip Venning, the secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB), founded by William Morris in 1877.

The SPAB publishes a list of buildings for sale of historic interest and in need of repair, and Save Britain's Heritage sells 2,000 copies of its annual report of 150 properties at risk. The agent Pavilions of Splendour specialises in selling listed buildings and ruins.

When you have decided on your area it is worth contacting the local conservation officer, because many councils keep a register of houses needing restoration and owners.

Once you have found the house, be sure you realise the extent of the work you will have to do, because these houses can be bottomless pits, and inevitably you will discover more needs to be done than you anticipated at the outset.

Get to know the property thoroughly. The more you know about it the easier it will be for you to brief a professional adviser or builder. Look for anything that might shed light on how the property was built and of problems which may have been dealt with successfully long ago.

Take as much advice as possible. Contact the SPAB (which runs weekend advisory courses), the Georgian Group, or the Victorian Society, all of which can advise on anything from specialist workmen to restoration



Mark and Gillian Archer outside Ringfield House in Fownhope, Herefordshire, restored for £60,000 and with the help of a council grant

techniques. Historic Housecheck provides a yearly site inspection for members as well as a helpline.

Seek advice from a surveyor who is expert in that sort of house and period, says John Gibson, of estate agent Savills. "The potential faults in a timber-frame house are completely different from those in a brick house, and the danger is that a non-specialist will either over-worry or miss serious faults," he says.

A specialist surveyor can advise on about how much to pay for the house by calculating its residual value: its worth when finished minus the projected cost of the restoration.

If the building is listed you need building consent for any work, inside or out, which affects the character of the building. Contact your local conservation officer to discuss whether an application is necessary.

Funding for such work can be hard to come by. Grants from English Heritage are available only for Grade I and II\* properties.

But the news is not all bad. Lenders are now more willing to consider funding dilapidated properties. The Ecology Building Society, for example, specialises in mortgages for properties in need of renovation. And

some councils provide alternative forms of funding, such as grants for energy conservation.

Once you have bought the property, Ian Homersham of John D. Wood says, start with the essentials, even though the results might not be so obvious. "Get all possible work done before you move in. Don't think that you will do phase one and live in it, because by the time phase two comes along you could suffer severe disruption."

Mr Venning of the SPAB adds: "Remember that a house will have problems, such as damp, for a reason; not just because it is old. There are lots of materials, such as timber, which have survived and are strong, even though they may look moth-eaten. Find the reason for a problem before trying to solve it."

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## HOUSE THAT REVEALED SECRETS

MARK AND Gillian Archer bought Ringfield House, a Grade II listed six-bedroom home in Fownhope, Herefordshire for £140,000 in 1992 through the property list published by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB).

"We love old houses and liked the idea of bringing one back to life," says Dr Archer, who works in the City of London and has just become treasurer of the SPAB. "My wife works for the National Trust, so we are both interested in conservation rather than inappropriate restoration."

The couple's bank advised them that the house they had their eyes on was a potentially ruinous liability, but they were not put off. Dr Archer says: "It was in the building societies were very wary of a property in poor repair. It was almost impossible to get a mortgage and house insurance."

The couple learnt the benefits of taking expert advice early on. They were advised by one structural engineer to strip off all the plaster to inspect the timber frame underneath. "It would have been unnecessary. There's too much alarmist advice handed out about old buildings. We tried to repair as much as possible and replace as little as we could."

The couple got a conservation grant of £3,000 for some of the work after contacting Hereford and Worcester district council.

"THE HOUSE hadn't been lived in for eight years but was structurally sound. The work took about nine months and cost about £60,000 in total," Dr Archer says. Much of the task involved undoing poor work which had been done before, but they did find a few surprises: two fireplaces with Georgian grates and the original roof and plaster of a Georgian porch, which they intend to rebuild.

"But don't restore an old property because you expect to make money," Dr Archer says. "do it because you enjoy it."

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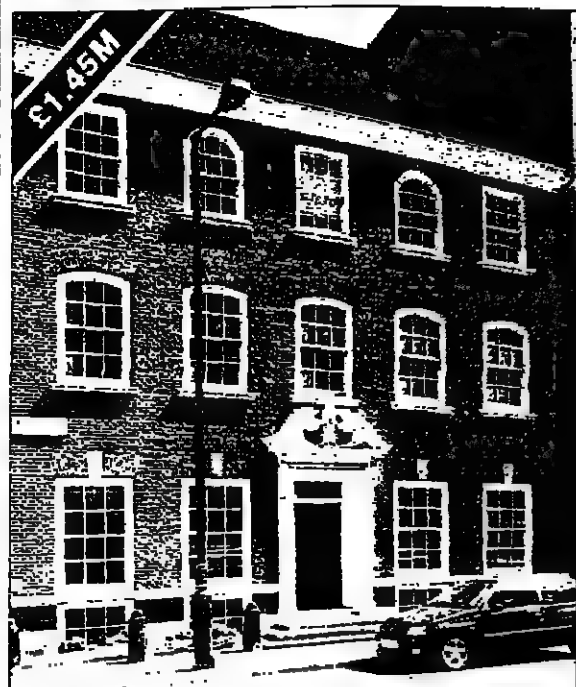
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CHERYL TAYLOR

## Inner-city residential areas are up-and-coming. Rachel Kelly looks at the rebirth of Clerkenwell

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Development of Clerkenwell is taking on an American flavour with abandoned factories being converted into loft-style flats, echoing New York's trendy SoHo area

Some call it London's new Notting Hill. Others label it the capital's version of TriBeCa or SoHo in New York. Whatever you dub it, Clerkenwell has become the focus of property developers and the fashionable set.

The former industrial buildings of the area close to the City, encompassing Smithfield and some City fringes, are being transformed, blurring the line dividing residential west London and professional east London.

One of the busiest developers in the area is Bee Bee Developments, creator of some of the most dramatic loft conversions. It has recently bought the Clerkenwell Estate, a shabby eight-acre site, to refurbish tenanted commercial buildings and turn others into homes.

Alfie Butler, who works for the company, says: "People now want to live in central London again. The inner city is coming back to life. I am moving to Clerkenwell because it is such good value with a village feel."

"When you think that by the year 2003 the country will need four towns the size of Milton Keynes to cope with the demand for housing, it's vital that places like Clerkenwell start living again. The development of inner cities is helping to stop the cancer of urban sprawl."

Jon Spiteri owns the St John Restaurant in Clerkenwell, which occupies about half a block by Smithfield. "In terms of space Clerkenwell is perfect," he says.

"People are fed up with the traditional residential areas and want to move away yet still be in touch. There is a cosmopolitan mix of people here - City workers rub shoulders with artists and architects. It's unpretentious and refreshing."

## A hint of New York in old London town

Ben Richardson is the managing director of Metro Imaging, a company specialising in photographic processing, and has been in the area for eight years. "There is a creative, media-orientated atmosphere in Clerkenwell," he says. "It makes urban living interesting, and although the area can sometimes seem a bit gritty in places, it has managed to retain a certain charm."

Stephen Hurford, of the estate agent Hurford Salvi & Carr, emphasises the area's convenience. "You live in a community, but yet you can walk to the City in five minutes, while Soho is only 15 minutes away. The place is really taking off. We have 17 developments going on, and have already sold two. It is going wild. The place is alive."

Developments include a new scheme in St John Street by The City Loft Company. Flats in the first phase are being sold for £100 a square foot. The building was previously the Dr Scholl shoe factory. Built in the 1950s, in red brick with steel frame windows, 20 flats are planned, with parking spaces in the basement. There will be four split-level penthouses, thanks to the addition of two new levels.

Other developers include Pamilion Properties, which, with Frogmore,



Lindsay Etchells: struck by strong sense of community

has several sites. Another developer is Manhattan Lofts, which pioneered conversion with its Summer Street conversion in 1992.

New Riverhead, a joint venture by the Berkeley Group, Manhattan Lofts and Thames Water, has flats on Rosebery Avenue from £100,000 in a

six-storey Grade II listed building. Residents praise the area. Hilary Gibbs, a wine merchant, has lived here for 14 years. "Although we miss out on greenery and parks, Clerkenwell is central and convenient," she says.

"I love living here. While you are not constantly bumping into people you know, there is a relatively stable population. Many of the old shops are still run by the same people, which means that you get the service. My dry cleaner will deliver if I am too busy to pick it up."

In August 1994, Lindsay Etchells and her partner moved from a flat in Balham, south London, to a derelict building in Clerkenwell. Despite its inner-city location the couple believe that the place has maintained its village atmosphere.

"Since moving in we have been struck by the strong sense of community that exists among residents of all ages and backgrounds, which everyone is committed to maintaining," they say.

In July there is the annual Clerkenwell festival, which includes concerts, tea dances and a traditional fair.

The Etchells' house, typically in an

area known for its artisan workshops and studios, had been used as a printing works for more than 80 years. "We do not believe that we could have found such an unusual building with so much potential anywhere else."

It was this mix of residential alongside commercial premises that drew the couple to Clerkenwell, believing that it would have a more continental feel to it.

"We thought the area would have a different atmosphere during the week when it is bustling with workers, compared with the weekends. This has been the case and the weekends are extremely quiet and pleasant," they say.

The area is well served by local shops and businesses. "Clerkenwell has strong associations with the Italian community and there are some superb and friendly family-run Italian delis close by."

"There are also some excellent restaurants and more appear to be opening by the day. After working long hours, there is nothing better than walking home in ten minutes and, if the fridge is bare, popping into The Peasant or Stephen Bull for a meal."

The couple have only one fear: that the area's increasing popularity and trendiness will adversely affect its character. "Part of Clerkenwell's attraction is that it is a mixed inner-city community with all that entails. It is not another Hampstead or Highgate village and hopefully never will be."

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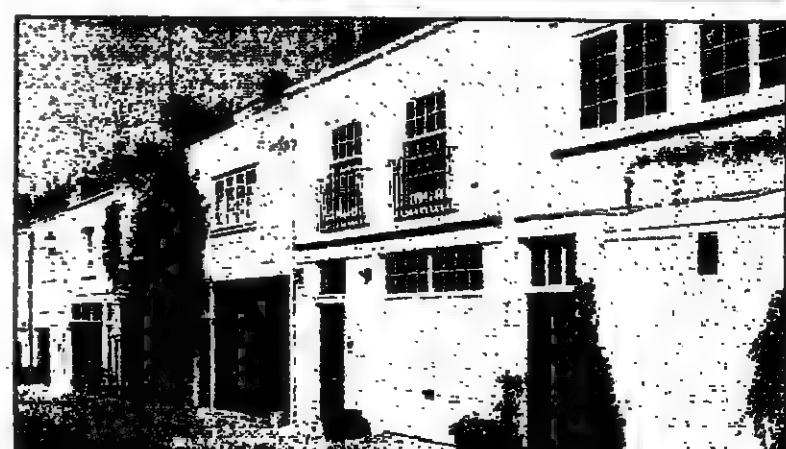
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Christmas is coming and the children want a pet. Jill Parkin has advice not to be sneezed at

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**A** The tear duct is a tiny tube leading from the inside corner of the eye to the back of the nose — an overflow pipe for tears. If it is blocked the tears overflow, dry on the hair and turn brown on exposure to air. Your vet could carry out a dye test to see if the ducts are blocked. It is possible to anaesthetise a dog so that the vet can pass a probe to re-open a blocked duct.

**Q** I bought sandpaper-covered perches for my budgie, Bert, to keep his nails worn down but he tears them to pieces and I'm sure he eats some. Why does he do this and will it harm him?

**A** Budgies chew — especially bored ones. Bert's got nothing to do all day when you are out. I don't think the sandpaper will harm him — the sand provides extra grit. Twigs or branches from fruit trees, hazel or willow would be better and cheaper. He could chew the bark with total safety and gripping these natural perches would be excellent exercise for his toes and manicure his nails as well. Best of all, think about getting another bird as company.

**Q** Our rabbits — Bill and Bea — had colds. Our vet diagnosed "snuffles", gave them an antibiotic injection and powder to put in the drinking water. They're better, but Bill has a yellow discharge from his nose. Could the children catch anything from him?

**A** "Snuffles" is common in rabbits and almost impossible to eradicate. Most infected rabbits manage to live with their infection and have a happy, if snuffy, life. It's a rabbit problem — no risk to children.

**JAMES ALLCOCK**  
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**I**t is time to noble Father Christmas on behalf of all those parents who sneeze and splutter when they are around fur and feather. The chap with the long beard (nasty itchy thing) must show more imagination when it comes to giving pets to children.

My daughter, aged five, wants something small and furry to look after. Her baby brother is proving hard to domesticate, so she wants a more tractable creature. In principle, I am in favour. Pets teach children about responsibility and caring. I do not want to stunt her psychological growth.

But I am allergic to a lot of household pets. Cats, dogs, cockatiels — you name it, they reduce me to a runny-nosed, sneezing heap. Even my step-daughter's jodhpurs set me off. I never go to a pet-owner's house without my homeopathic dust-drops.

There are many of us about. We are triggered by the hair, by the mites, by the dust. It is worse than it used to be because central heating is now common, which means pets are in a year-round moult. If you are allergic, your choice of pet is decidedly limited. As a child I buried more goldfish than the next door neighbour's dog did bones. And fins and scales are not cuddly. It did not teach me how to care, just how to make crosses out of lolly sticks.

The good news to pass on to Santa is that there are breeds and species less likely to bother us sensitive types. Those gentle old ladies with their pet poodles are in the know. Poodles — and the poodle-like bichon frise — have a wool coat, rather than hair. They need trimming, but they hardly moult. Good for the householder and the rhinitis sufferer.

So are old English sheepdogs, curly coated retrievers, Irish water spaniels and Kerry blues, which look like a terrier. The only doggy house where I can sit down to a meal without a box of tissues is home to a curly retriever. It also has no fitted carpets, lots of open windows and a big garden.

If dogs make you sneeze, the chances are cats will send you into orbit, even if you are sensible enough not to touch them. Cats delight in spotting allergic guests and jumping onto their laps. The only cat breeds we should consider are Cornish and Devon rexes.

Santa would need a stout sack for the pet which Anne McLoughlin, of



Roger Meek with an Australian blue tongue skink. He says: "Skinks are allergy free, easy to look after and like being held"

the British Veterinary Zoological Society, recommends. "I've never heard of anyone who is allergic to white rats. They make good pets. They like people and respond to their names."

"Rabbits, hamsters, chinchillas and chipmunks are all highly allergenic, and cats tend to be more so than dogs. Caged birds can be bad too, because of their feather dust and the seed husks of the food they eat."

"Remember that even if you go for something like a gerbil or a guinea pig, which are not as bad, you may still be affected by their bedding. If hay and straw affect you, they would be no good either."

"I've never heard of allergies to fish or reptiles. But remember that reptiles have a long life. A hamster dies after a couple of years. A

toroise can live for 80 years," Ms McLoughlin says. So before you buy an iguana for your child, remember it will not leave home before they go to university.

**A**t this time of year, the RSPCA repeats its chant "a pet is for life not just for Christmas", but its advice on exotic fish and reptiles is worth bearing in mind. You should find out what the creature's needs are and whether your home can meet them before you buy. Even if you never sneeze, providing live young rabbits for supper every day could prove a bit of a bind.

But, according to Roger Meek, a reptile specialist at Huddersfield Technical College, the blue-tongued Australian skink is an exception.

"Allergy-free and easy to look after," he enthuses. "They're omnivorous. And, unlike most reptiles, they're not nervous. They like being held. We have girls on animal care courses here who cradle them like babies. They're about a foot long, excluding the tail. Lovely temperament. So has the Royal python."

In the end, there is one sure allergy test: "Road-test the animal," says Dr Ann McBride, of the Anthrozoology Institute of Southampton University. "Go along to the breeder, the pet shop or another owner, handle the animal and see what happens. It's extremely upsetting for owner and animal if a new home has to be found."

An expert in aggression in rabbits, among other things, she recommends waiting until your

child is seven or eight before buying a small soft pet. "The family dog is fine, but little children have no idea how hard they are gripping or how much force they are using. That can lead to fear and aggression in the animals," she says.

And an allergy-free pet when the child is bigger? "Rats are very good. Highly intelligent." Call me narrow-minded, but I cannot bring myself round to the idea of a pet rat. Meantime, the woman in our local pet shop suggests a gerbil or an angora goat — kept outside — for my daughter.

Even gerbils make me sneeze. That is why, during the school holidays, I once filled my mother's casserole dish with warm water and resorted to shampooing our class pet. It will have to be the goat. And probably a very big dish.

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Christopher: found in a ditch

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## Latch on to those lymphs

### ALTERNATIVELY SPEAKING

**I**t could be tricky to write objectively about kinesiology, a therapy which tests muscles to analyse an individual's health. When I left my chosen kinesiologist, Jane Gothard, she kissed me goodbye.

Though we had never met before, I had bonded for two hours with the supremely sympathetic Ms Gothard, so the farewell did not seem odd. But it is hard to disentangle feelings about the treatment and my liking for her.

She is a blonde New Zealander of 34 who turned to kinesiology when she was covered in eczema and acne and conventional medicine had failed. Six weeks after visiting a kinesiologist and abandoning dairy products, red meat, caffeine and alcohol her complexion turned to the peaches-and-cream perfection that it is today. That was nine years ago.

She spent £3,000 training for two years with the Association of Systemic Kinesiologists and has been practising for five years.

The system was devised in 1964 by Dr George J. Goodheart, an American chiropractor. Even conventional doctors test the strength and range of movement of muscle-damaged patients. Kinesiologists do the same tests by holding a limb aloft to isolate a relevant muscle elsewhere and getting the patient to pull in the opposite direction. They part company with conventional doctors when they claim that the way a limb resists pressure reveals the patient's general, rather than just their muscular, health.

If a limb responds weakly, then there is an imbalance in a corresponding organ. If the limb can resist the pressure, then the corresponding body part is healthy. The kinesiologist investigates the various organs and finds hidden imbalances.

Like acupuncturists, kinesiologists believe that a balanced body runs on an unimpeded flow of energy. Each of the important organs and systems is fuelled by one of 12 energy channels or meridians, which combine to form an energetic network which links the mind, organs, muscles and body systems.

Excess stress can block a meridian, which leads to weakness or imbalance in the related body parts, which register in the muscle that is

linked to them. The kinesiologist claims to correct these weaknesses by applying pressure to points on the body, especially the lymph glands, to stimulate blood, lymph and energy flow.

The good bit is that in theory you immediately feel better after a visit and a rub to the lymph glands. The bad bit is that part of the treatment to rebalance those misbehaving organs is nutritional, and this can mean abandoning some of your favourite things.

I lay flat on a couch in Ms Gothard's serene sitting room and enjoyed her bedside manner and hoped she could help reduce my stress and clear my complexion. Kinesiologists claim to cure tiredness, digestive problems, aches, stiffness, migraines, skin problems and anxiety, but they never diag-



RACHEL KELLY

at first, my arm was weak and went straight down. Her probing revealed that my organs were dehydrated, she said.

A glass of water later and my arm did indeed seem stronger. That was because my body was picking up, she said. But I was not sure that it was not just because I had subconsciously pushed harder the second time round, perhaps to please her that the theory was working.

Part of the treatment involves identifying food sensitivities which can be

weakening an organ. So Ms Gothard placed a variety of suspect foods in my mouth and did the familiar before-and-after arm pushing routine to see the response.

Oh, what a bore! She says I am sensitive to wheat and more particularly pasta. So no more spaghetti carbonara or vongole for that matter. And, curses, butter too.

I had earlier been blood-tested for food intolerances and wheat was not one of them, so I am not altogether convinced. But when I list what I had eaten the day before — wholesome toast for breakfast, a sandwich for lunch, a mince pie for tea and pasta for supper — I take Ms Gothard's point that a few wheat-free days would make sense and to try porridge for breakfast.

Like every beauty editor, she recommended drinking more water. "Not fizzy, as that just fills you up with carbon dioxide. Remember that one cup of coffee means you get rid of double that fluid from the body." I tested well for vitamin C and vitamin A which pumped up my arm power. So she prescribed taking plenty more of them.

Her final diagnosis was that my adrenal system and immune systems were both low, and could be helped by stimulating my lymph glands which would help clear the system of toxins. She suggested rubbing in a circular motion up the inside thigh to release toxic blockages in the glands.

She did so herself on my behalf and golly it hurt. The glands become tenderised as they get blocked up, she said. "Get your husband to do it at home," she added.

One of the virtues of the theory, says Dr John English, a Salisbury GP who uses kinesiology, is that it encourages people to treat themselves. A helpful husband is even more useful. Had mine been a believer, I would have probably got more lymph rubbing done. As it was, I have settled for porridge for breakfast. And yes, I do feel more energetic, and I am not just saying that because I like Ms Gothard.

● Jane Gothard, 0171-724 1149, ● Association of Kinesiologists, 39 Brown Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT5 8ST. Send an SAE with 6p stamps for an information pack.



Flexing muscles: Jane Gothard working with a patient

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## A clean getaway for the weekend

### PERSONAL LIFE

We're supposed to be going to Burford for the weekend. For a long weekend. A proper Friday to Monday, in fact. I have been planning this excursion for what seems like months, and have succeeded in convincing myself that there are going to be absolutely no problems. All I have to do is put a change of clothes in a bag, assemble my son and his panda and my jewellery and the box containing my love letters (an exasperated friend once observed that I pack for a weekend away as though fleeing from a Mongol Horde). Then I put the lot in the car, and head for the M40. If we leave by ten at the absolute latest on Friday morning we could be there in time for lunch and a stroll around the antique shops, easy. In fact, none of this happens, because I become gripped with the

paralysing separation anxiety that always moves in when I am to be away from my house for more than a few hours. I may be sick of London and longing to wake up to the sound of birdsong and the bracing report of shotgun fire, but there are, I decide, with the irrefutable meta-logic of the hopelessly deranged, many unpleasant and time-consuming tasks that have to be performed before I can even consider double-locking the front door and waving goodbye to Greenwich for four whole days. First I must drive to Sainsbury's and buy rocketfuel and Parma ham and tapenade and focaccia and chocolate meringue and quantities of whisky and claret, in case

these things are not to be had in Burford. (The fact that we are going to stay with my son's godmother, whose opinions on the need to have vast amounts of alcohol and nourishing food available at all times precisely reflect my own, for some reason does nothing to calm my panicky conviction that there is nothing good in the country — or if there is, they will not let you have it.) Then I must return home (having forgotten, naturally, to fill up with petrol at the supermarket) and, cursing volubly ("Mummy,

don't say that word," "Thank you so much for reminding me, darling"), heave all the shopping out of the boot (with a view to putting most of it back again later) and change the sheets and wash the floors, so as not to return to a grimy house — so depressing. Washing the floors takes forever, because Alexander is keen to help and has to be dissuaded with ever more taxing flights of imaginative fantasy. Look, I say, you are Admiral Lord Nelson and this chair is his ship, HMS Victory, and here is the sea (slosh, slosh

with the mop). And panda can be Captain Hardy, and together you are sailing the Victory to the Battle of Trafalgar and no, darling, no don't get off the chair because you're the Admiral and if you do then, er, Boney will get you and so you won't win the battle and be the saviour of your nation, now will you? "You don't want to be the saviour of your nation," says Alexander, who still hasn't got personal pronouns sussed. Oh dear, well, um, what would you like to be? "You want to be Mummy, and wash the floor."

Eventually, at 4pm, when I have polished the inside of the piano lid and disinfected the underneath of the loo cistern and gouged all the crumbs out of the oven door hinges with a kebab skewer and in fact Mrs Tittlemouse herself could not find fault with the state of my housekeeping, we make a move. I consider calling Catriona to tell her we might be a shade late, but decide it sounds mad to say that I couldn't leave home without doing the dusting and laying in a bootload of provisions in case her larder should be bare. Alexander has by now caught the general tone of *lacrime rerum*. "Goodbye, house," he says as we pull away from the kerb, in the

mournful accents of the Israelites leaving for Babylon. In fact, of course, we aren't going anywhere much. There is Friday afternoon gridlock all over London. Snailing past Park Royal tube station, I buy an *Evening Standard* from a bloke at the roadside to remind Catriona of the vibrant London life she is doubtless missing already, having been in the Cotswolds for 24 hours. But the paper has taken a curious turn for the rustic. Features pages are given over to articles on hunting and shooting. Surrounded by the metallic grind of a thousand cars proceeding westwards in first gear, the hallooing of our enraged fellow motorists ringing invigoratingly in our ears, we make good our escape from the city.

JANE SHILLING

## Tyrannised by that flickering screen

Some parents ban TV; others allow their children to gawp endlessly. Judy Goodkin sits on the fence

At eight o'clock every Thursday evening, I sit down with my nine and ten-year-old daughters to watch the latest instalment of *Animal Hospital*, a clean and jolly programme presented by the clean and jolly Rolf Harris. I promote *Animal Hospital* (and other wholesome programmes) because it is safe: I know Rolf will never take his clothes off, behave violently or form any dubious relationships. But I encourage it even more because it allows me to demonstrate to my children that while our viewing may be regulated, TV reception poor and the attic where we sit cold and draughty, we too are members of the television-watching population. In my heart I know our membership hangs by a rapidly fraying thread and that my daughters would change their address tomorrow if only they could go and live in the Martin household. There, three of the five colour televisions are permanently switched on, each with the volume turned full up. Nine-year-old Gideon cites *London's Burning* as his favourite programme while his sister Simone, at only six, freely watches the programme my daughters may only share in vicariously: *Neighbours*. Michael and Linda Martin, who both work in sales, live in a neat close of modern houses in north Manchester with their two children, five television sets and a satellite dish. It is difficult to say when the family's daily viewing begins and ends as it is not unusual for them to go to bed with the television on, fall asleep and find the breakfast shows ready to greet them first thing the next morning. The children eat TV-breakfasts and TV-suppers, switching on the Sky

cartoon network as soon as they come home from school. Often a video is the last image their eyes will see before falling asleep at night. "I suppose we should read them a bedtime story but we are just worn out parents who need a rest," says Michael. What began as background noise "the way people used to regard radio" has become a vital prop to the Martins' family life and there is no discernible effort to limit the number of hours their children watch. "TV makes life easier for us. We come in tired in the evenings and I want a quiet life, I don't want to fight with them. As far as we're concerned they can use their leisure time as they wish. That's not to say they can watch fifty programmes at any hour of the night, but at the end of a hard day neither of us is going to start making biscuits with them or *Blue Peter* models." The children seem contented, the parents relaxed. There is no bawling, no bargaining nor any of the simmering resentment which my children direct at me. Linda would like Gideon to read more and while she admits it is not always easy to wrench him away from the screen to do his homework, as long as he is sociable and popular she feels vindicated. Television is just as central to the Cullerier family of north London: in their home all external broadcasts are banned. Jacques, a retired doctor, and his wife Estelle decided to raise their only child, Sarah (now ten) in a television-free environment. Their impulse seemed flawless, in theory. "Without wishing to sound too philosophical, at the end of your life you hope to have achieved a balance between useful hours and wasted



Switched on: Simone Martin, six, and her brother Gideon, nine, have a choice of five television sets to watch; it is not unusual for them to go to bed and fall asleep with the TV on

hours. On which side of the scale would you put television?" asks Jacques. "What is raising a child if not educating her to choose what is valuable and discard what is not?" In practice, once Sarah hit seven she began to feel painfully different. "TV is a big issue at school, the soaps especially," explains Estelle. "We did not want her to be without any cultural reference points. So to make her life easier we bought a TV, removed the receiver and use the hollow monitor to screen musical comedies and nature videos at appropriate times." While Sarah still grumbles

occasionally, on good days the compromise seems to work. In return for the next-best-thing to real TV, Sarah must accept that her parents are her programmers. "She is free to choose what she likes within the range we offer. Our choice may be limited but at least it is our own choice and no one else's." Jacques insists that Sarah is more creative, more discriminating and has a greater range of inner resources to draw on than her television-watching peers. In the hours they have reclaimed for her, Sarah reads, studies ballet, practises the piano and eats her meals at the table with her parents

where they make a point of engaging her in conversation. But no home can be hermetically sealed. "Rubbish will find its way in," shrugs Estelle. Sarah has carte blanche when it comes to radio and has found her way unerringly to the Spice Girls. The Martins and the Culleriers are poles apart yet oddly similar: both have nailed their colours to the mast and everyone knows where they stand. Although I am convinced most programmes are worthless or worse and that it makes a poor babysitter, television remains part of the common currency connecting us with our fellow man and I

find I cannot turn my back on it completely. So I sit teetering on the fence while my daughters never see enough of the "right" programmes to keep up with their friends. Instead, they watch and feel deprived, the worst of both worlds. While I continue to tie myself in knots, Gideon and Simone have seen most of the adult world laid bare before them and appear to take it in their stride. According to their mother, "they cotton on pretty quickly about which characters belong together and it's wrong to go off with someone else". Even so, there is one programme they will never watch: "The one where dogs with halitosis are taken to see the vet. What kind of nutters watch *Animal Hospital*?"

Ruth Gledhill enjoys a taste of tradition at a Highland refuge in the heart of Knightsbridge

## A fine performance of Scottish pomp



THE CHURCH was Scottish, the people around us were nearly all Scottish, the service was Scottish, and the sermon was preached by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Right Rev John McIndoe, was making the annual St Andrews visit to London, and during his tour would meet the Prime Minister, the Lord Mayor, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the president of the Methodist conference, as well as visit London's centre for homeless Scots. Although profoundly Scottish himself, his two-week visit, interrupted only by an overnight trip to St Giles, Edinburgh, to commemorate the return of the Stone of Scone to Scotland, was also a return home because his permanent job is minister of St Columba's, the London flagship of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, or Kirk, which is Scotland's national church. He will be moderator for a year only, before returning to London to continue his ministry. We arrived as the Moderator, wearing formal 18th century court dress similar to that worn by a male speaker of the House of Commons but with lace at the collar and cuffs, was delivering an address to 70



The Right Rev John McIndoe

children before they left the service for Sunday school. He spoke about the meaning of uniformity. "Whatever person we are, whatever jobs we do, we are all made in the image of God." The church stands tall and white like an icy refuge from the Scottish Highlands, bringing austerity to the luxurious surroundings of Knightsbridge. The church, which bears the symbol of the Burning Bush, the emblem of the Church of Scotland, is

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The elephant stables at Hampi, 200 miles north of Bangalore. This vast ghost city has been deserted since the 16th century. It once rivalled Rome and is now one of the world's great neglected tourist treasures

Mr Gopal is looking particularly chipper. "I have arranged for you to see His Highness the Maharajah," he beams. "We will proceed at 12.15." To fill the intervening two hours, he takes us on a tour of the palaces of Mysore. They lurk on every corner, seemingly dozens of them, with their pillars and domes and drive-ways big enough to stage a Durbar. Even the balconies have balconies. We pass an especially sumptuous pile. A summer palace? A winter palace? "No, no," Mr Gopal says. "The old stories."

Mr H.D. Gopal is a wiry man in his late sixties. He knows Mysore better than anyone. For seven years he was Master of Ceremonies for the last ruling Maharajah, who ceded power to the Indian Government after Independence. Mr Gopal inherited his post — organising state functions — from his father, who had inherited it from his father. It carried huge responsibility.

The Maharajahs were — after the Nizams of Hyderabad — India's richest rulers. They wore coats made entirely of pearls, sat on solid gold thrones and commissioned jade chess sets studded with rubies. "Oh yes, yes, yes," Mr G says. "Very great wealth."

He leads us round Mysore's suburbs. The yellow-painted bungalows of the long-gone British are settling into discreet decay as income tax offices. Tongas trot past, straight out of Kipling, and

Mr Gopal sighs nostalgically for the old days, when the Viceroy came to banquet, when the royal guards were given allowances to keep their bushy moustaches in trim, when the household staff of 15,000 included 1,200 in the kitchen ("But slowly we retrenched").

He checks his watch. Eleven o'clock. "We will proceed to City Palace," he says. "Come." Mysore's City Palace is preposterously plush, with its solid silver and ivory doors, its Venetian glass and its turquoise and gold pillars — once gold leaf, now, after retrenchment, gold paint. It leaps fearlessly beyond good taste, like Brighton Pavilion redesigned by Walt Disney. On Sunday nights, it is lit by 50,000 fairy lights. Sleeping Beauty could slumber happily here.

Crowds of Indian tourists jostle around. They point to the murals of 1930s processions, where the State Elephant is just passing the Liptons Tea sign and the Rolls-Royces of visiting Rajahs clutter the church park. "The fellows from the villages used to come in their bullock carts to see," Mr Gopal says. "And look..." He points to the centre of a mural, to a studious man with waxed moustache and scarlet turban. "This is my father. When I see these scenes I feel like

## The high and the mighty

Stephen McClarence admires palaces in Mysore, takes tea with the Maharajah and remembers not to tease the elephants

They were the best days of our life. But it is 12.10. We will proceed to the Maharajah."

We stroll round the back of the palace, to the private quarters of His Highness Srikanthadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar. Though no longer the ruler of the state, he still wields power as an elected MP and leads religious rituals. He also breeds racehorses and runs investment companies.

We wait in a dark hallway, packed with a whole zoo of stuffed animals, shot in less enlightened times. Lions, tigers, bison, antelopes, bears, a monkey rested by a reading lamp, an elephant's trunk niftily converted into an umbrella stand. Their legs made good occasional tables, says Mr G and withdraws. "I will go and come."

Suddenly, we are summoned. We hurry through libraries and secretarial offices and corridors lined with watercolours of Cornwall. At the far side of a very large room, opposite two exercise bikes, is His Highness the Maharajah, an impressive figure in a white dhoti. He casts an eye over our visiting

cards, signs a letter held out by a silent flunkie and orders tea. It arrives in silver goblets. His palace grounds are now maintained by the state and His Highness is not always best pleased. "I have just telephoned them to complain," he says. "The drives are full of elephant dung!"

He reckons he can achieve as much as an MP as he might have done as a ruling Maharajah — though, yes, he could "still cause upheaval" if he wanted. "But what do you think of Prince Charles?" Is the power of the British royal family waning?

The Maharajahs have had to move with the times. Many of their palaces have been converted into hotels — notably the dazzling white Lalitha Mahal Palace, echoing and expensive on its own hill high above Mysore. As a statement of wealth, it could hardly be bettered. American tourists with bulging brown bags stay in rooms once used by the Viceroy. It's the world of modern tourism which the Maha-

rajah's sister, Princess Meenakshi Devi, has eagerly embraced. She runs her own travel company, Regal Voyages, from Bangalore, a two-hour train journey from Mysore through the lush coconut palm landscape of Karnataka state.

Bangalore is India's boom city. Its computer industry and consumerism make it an icon of an expanding nation. In a street of shopping malls, pizza parlours and freezer warehouses, the toy shops sell Barbie in India dolls (brunettes in Rajasthani Indian dress) and CD stores smooch out Julio Iglesias. At a Louis Philippe outlet, a young assistant wraps a pair of socks costing half a labourer's weekly wage. "So much materialistic hum-funk!" he sniffs. "By the way, what do you think of Salman Rushdie?"

A pub culture thrives here, with 200 startlingly un-Indian theme pubs. The Red Lion, with its *Hay Wain* prints, aims to recreate "the feeling of a typical English pub — Oh! to be in England drinking English beer". City slickers perch on bar stools, their packets of

Marlboro in front of them. The Princess organises tours that give glimpses of the city's more traditional life and customs. Half way through a day of pottery, sari factories, hand-painters and Indian classical music, we are ushered into a dance teacher's front room, where a young woman is preparing to show us classical dance. "This is Miss Karnataka," says the teacher proudly. "Winner of beauty pageants." Is she entering Miss India? "I lack the height," says the young woman with a downcast glance. "Only five feet six inches."

Gradually we fill in the gaps on the Maharajah's family tree. In the Bandipur National Park, south of Mysore, his other sister, Princess Visha Lakshmi, runs Tusker Trails, a wildlife resort above plantations of sunflowers and sugar cane.

Mr Gopal is in his element as he points out the old hunting lodges and the spot where the late Maharajah shot the elephant whose trunk made the umbrella stand. Priorities are different now. "Teasing of animals prohibited," says a sign as we set off on a dusk safari. We take care not to tease the bison or the elephants. Panther tracks pad through the dust. Tigers? Maybe tomorrow.

And so to the final branch of the

family tree — to the Maharajah's brother-in-law, Gajendra Singh Auwa, who illustrates books on India's heritage and enthuses about Hampi. He is right to do so. This ghost city, two hundred miles north of Bangalore, once rivalled Rome and is now one of the world's great neglected tourist treasures. Its ruins — pleasure palaces, bath houses, elephant stables — cover 15 square miles and have been deserted since the 16th century.

In Egypt, any one of its temples would be the excuse for a Hilton or a Sheraton. But we spend a day with the site — strewn around a surreal landscape of vast ochre boulders — almost to ourselves. A rare chance to pretend to be a pioneer Victorian traveller.

Women sit cross-legged under banyan trees. A monkey steals bananas from a roadside stall. There's a distant thwack of laundry being slapped on a stone and we stroll along the river bank to the fantastically ornate Vittala Temple. Inside, the silence is almost complete. It is the perfect vision of timeless romantic India — herds of goats, swooping green parakeets, bullocks with tinkling bells. The sun sets a dusty orange and across the ruins drifts the quintessential sound of modern India. "The run-rattle has been bang on target this morning and India are 31 for 4."

The transistor radio plays on and we proceed with Mr Gopal.

● The author toured Karnataka as a guest of Regal Voyages (Bangalore)

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- Bangalore is well connected by air and rail with Delhi. Bangalore/ Delhi flights on local airlines cost from £232 return and can be booked in this country through Trailfinders.
- Regal Voyages of Bangalore (0091 80 334 4066) organises tailor-made tours of southern India. A four-night chauffeur-driven tour of Mysore, Bangalore and Hampi costs from £225.
- Tusker Trails of Bandipur (0091 80 334 2362) offer jeep safaris from £40 per day.
- Gateway Hotel, Bangalore, has double rooms at £80 a day (including taxes). Hotel Siddhartha, Mysore has double rooms at £8.
- British passport holders need a visa for India, from the Indian High Commission (0171-863 8484).
- The India Tourist Office is at 7, Cork Street, London, W1X 1PB (0171-437 3677).

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**INDIA GUIDE**

AS I AM about to spend four months in eastern India, I have been studying most of the available guides. Joe Roberts writes:

Louise Nicholson's *India Companion* (headline, £14.99, an updated version of *India in Luxury*) is the best by a long chalk. She leads you off the beaten track in search of the aesthetic delights she clearly relishes. In Calcutta she proposes a visit to the Kumartuli district where potters fashion sacred images of Hindu deities; in Lucknow she directs you to manufacturers of chikankari embroidery, sari shops and the fighting cocks of the Aminabad Bazaar; in Delhi she recommends the medieval Nimuuddin area.

This book perhaps in conjunction with the *Penguin Guide to the Mountains of India* is for the sophisticated tourist. Miss Nicholson shares her considerable knowledge of Indian history and culture like an enthusiastic friend. It is a

Sarah Anderson of the Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: *Penguin Guide to the Mountains of India: Buddhist, Hindu, Jain* by George Mitchell (Penguin, £24, ISBN 0 140 08144 9); *Om, An Indian Pilgrimage* by Geoffrey Moorhouse (Sceptre, £5.99, ISBN 0 340 60191 4); *Cadogan Guide to Southern India* by Frank Kury and Robert Isaacson (Cadogan, £14.99, ISBN 1 850 11078 3).

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The late-night pyjama and toga parties I missed through legitimate tiredness. Montego Bay is nine and a half hours out of Garwick, and 90 minutes by mini-bus westwards to Runaway Bay, where the Jamaican SuperClubs group is hosted at its 400-bedroom Breezes resort.

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# Indian Ocean: A Robinson Crusoe escape to the Maldives; plus the spicy atmosphere of Zanzibar

## A golden chain with no catch

In the mornings I am woken by the low laughter of women in bright saris sweeping the white carpet of sand with palm fronds outside my terrace. I transfer from my thatched cottage to my hammock slung between two palm trees at the edge of the lagoon, to ponder, not very seriously, how to spend the day ahead on Ari Beach in the Maldives.

The choices are delightfully limited. Little more than a sandy spit a mile long by 300 yards wide, Ari Beach is one of the remotest Maldives — a "no news, no shoes" island. It is certainly the nearest thing I have discovered yet to the Robinson Crusoe package promised by an increasing number of holiday brochures featuring this island chain.

Stretching across 500 miles of Indian Ocean, about 400 miles off the coast of Sri Lanka, nobody seems sure how many Maldivian islands there are. Marco Polo claimed as many as 12,700, though the Government stipulates 1,190, of which 98 are officially designated tourist islands. The locals live separately on their own islands where the mainstay is fishing, and which tourists can visit only with a permit.

The Portuguese, British and Dutch dabbled with colonial rule, but south-east Asia's smallest nation, 99.66 per cent of whose territory consists of sea, gained full independence as an Islamic republic in 1965 — and is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the first tourist arrivals with a Visit the Maldives Year promotion next year.

The holiday image of the Maldives does not appeal to everyone. Too many "paradise" islands turn out to be boring to all but the most dedicated beach potato. Emphasis on "diving facilities" conjures up visions of smelly rubber suits and over-chlorinated swimming pools; while warnings that fines will be imposed on holidaymakers bringing in duty-free alcohol send out shock waves (though alcoholic drinks are widely and legally available in tourist hotels).

A new airport terminal, however, created a welcoming impression on our arrival. The Maldivian airport is on its own island, Hulul, just opposite the capital, Male, and hotel transfers are by helicopter, speed boat or dhoni, a wooden fishing boat.

With the huge gold-coloured dome of the Islamic Centre dominating a skyline of warehouses and skyscrapers, the capital is not a tourist island, though it is interesting to catch a glimpse of local life.

On the holiday islands, you are usually stuck with just one hotel — no local bars, cafés or even shops, though there is always a tiny mosque tucked among the palms for the hotel workers.

It is almost impossible to distinguish one Maldivian island from another. All have coconut palms, haloes of glorious white sand and turquoise lagoons encircled by reefs — plus the considerable advantages of no malarial mosquitoes, no snakes and no violence. The Maldivians are very friendly. The islands have almost no indigenous plant life and no resources.

Although hotels have their own water and electricity-generating plants, all food has to be imported and refrigerated, which means that gastronomy is rarely a highlight, and costs can be high.

Even rubbish disposal is a major problem, and on the flight out we were issued with plastic bags for our own waste to be carried back to Britain.

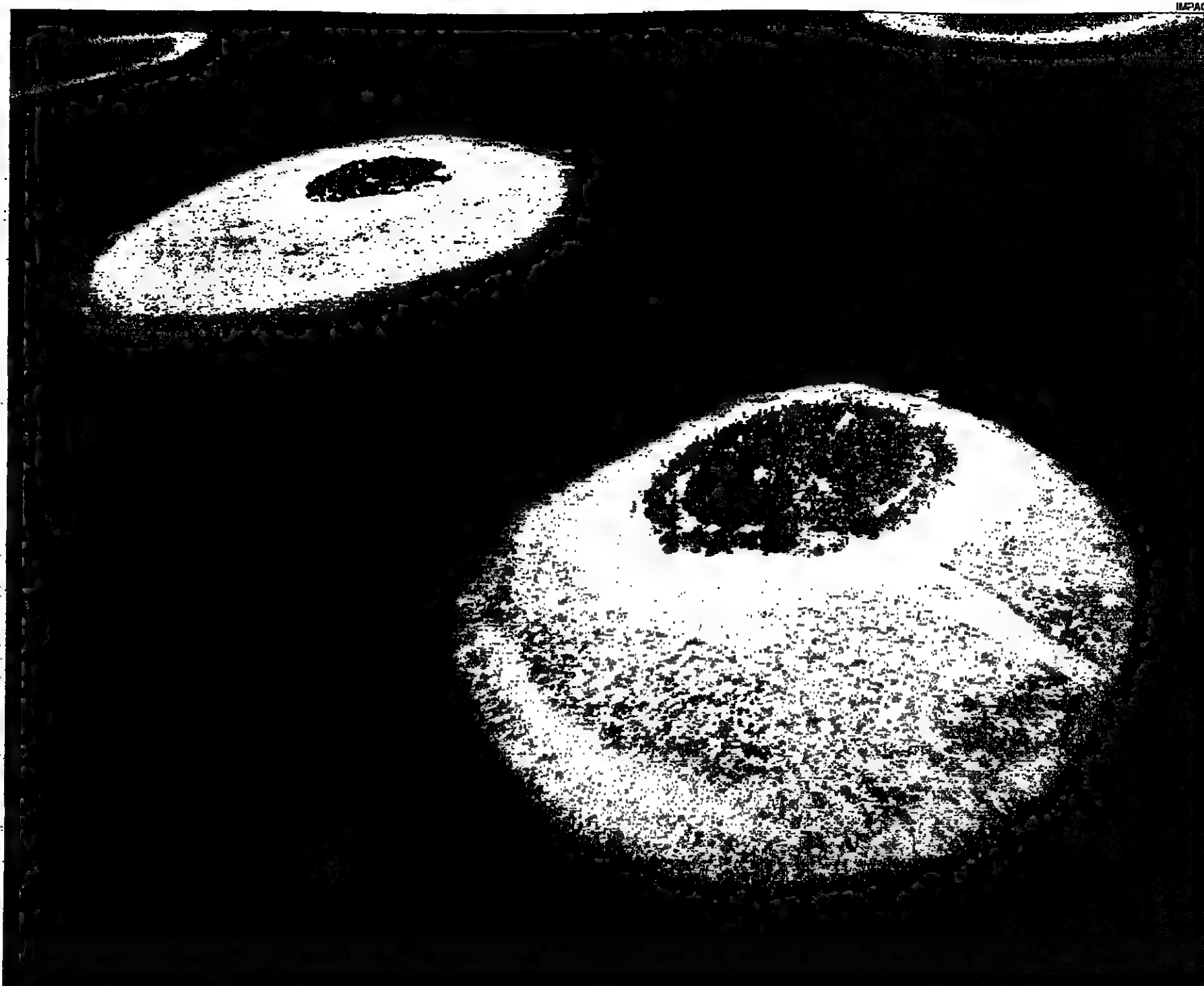
Despite the islands' physical similarities, the style of the hotels varies from sophisticated five-star establishments — usually on the islands nearest to Male — to the more laid-back escapist afloats such as Ari Beach, which can take three hours to reach by boat, or 30 minutes by helicopter.

Potential Crusoes will not find the five-star Kurumba cheap. This was the first resort to be developed, in 1972. The mature gardens, spacious lawns and alleys brimming with frangipani and bougainvillea are manicured to perfection; the air-conditioned bungalows have phones, television and hairdryers.

Lobster and sashimi are among the 50 or so items served at the candlelit beach barbecue each week. The notice-board lists hosts of activities, from tennis and gymnastics at the fitness centre, to saunas, every type of watersport and warnings in five languages that nudity and topless bathing are strictly prohibited.

All the island resorts have excellent, usually European-run, diving schools. I joined an introductory dive on Kurumba, in the lagoon rather than the pool, and wished I had more time to continue.

Kurumathi, the next island I visited, is unusual in having three hotels, one of them all-inclusive with an amazing line in cocktails. The representatives tell me that they plan activities on the assumption that new guests will try them all on their first day, the second will be hangover day, and by the third



Officially there are 1,190 islands in the Maldives, an Islamic republic and the smallest nation in South-East Asia, stretching across 500 miles of the Indian Ocean

they will be ready for action — a pattern repeated fairly systematically throughout the holiday fortnight.

Back on Ari Beach, it was back to basics — no pool or television, the dining areas are open-sided and simple, though there are tennis courts and diving and sailing lessons. The manager's wife Pauline is from Tonbridge, Kent. She went on holiday to the Maldives five years ago, met her husband, Shavey, a local, and stayed at the Kurumba resort.

The days soon develop their own slow, satisfying rhythm. One evening, I went on a night-fishing excursion and, with a primitive line and hooks and lots of supervision, bagged a couple of red snappers for supper.

Snorkelling on the reef, I plunged into a new multicoloured world where I learned to distinguish oriental sweets and lemon me-

ringue waffles from sleeper gobies and humbug damselfish, and marvelled at the amazing parrot fish that can change colour and sex, and create whole beaches by nibbling at the coral.

Evening entertainments are limited — a display of local dancing, even crab racing — which I avoided, having become fiercely protective of my own friendly resident mollusc.

Most of the time, I relaxed in my hammock. There was a minimalist view of a few palm-strewn islets suspended between translucent sky and sea, and the occasional silhouette of a fishing dhooni drifting across the horizon.

I might not make a habit of holidaying in the Maldives, but I would certainly be prepared to nosh up a few more afloats like Ari Beach.

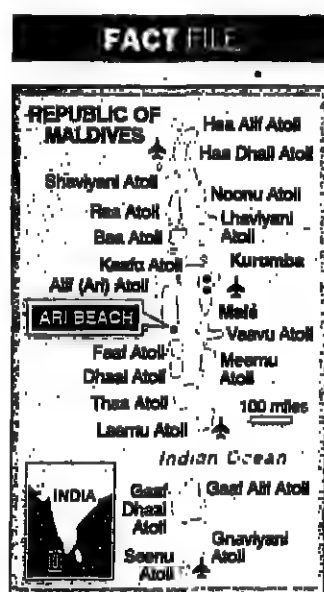
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The author was a guest of Kuoni.

**Kuoni (01306 7405000)** offers a week's half-board at Ari Beach from £599 to £797, at Kurumba from £727 to £874. B&B. The Maldives can also be combined with Sri Lanka, India, Singapore and Hong Kong. Three nights in Delhi with five nights in Sri Lanka plus six nights in the Maldives, costs from £1,039 to £1,221.

**A new Maldives cruise** on the *Atoll Explorer*, carrying 40 passengers, visits several Maldivian islands and costs from £989 full board for a week.

**Diving schools** in hotels follow the Professional Association of Diving Instructors Open Water Course, which includes nine training dives and theory lessons and equipment hire. From £210.



**Weather:** the Maldives have a year-round season, but the driest months are from December to April, wettest from June to October.

**Currency:** the official currency is the rufiyah, but the US dollar is used in the island resorts.

**Other operators** include Ellis (0181-664-4431) and Cosmos (0161-429-7773).

**Reading:** the Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: *Islands of the Indian Ocean* by H.A.R. Gibb (Dart, £15, ISBN 1 850 77002 6). *Guide to Maldives* by Royston Ellis (Bradt, £11.95, ISBN 1 858 32323 2).

## Shy spice girls of the fragrant island

You can smell the spices as you step off the plane — cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg and others too subtle to identify — wafting like an aerial bouquet garri from the north of the island, where they grow in profusion.

I had last visited Zanzibar 44 years ago, on a day ashore from the *SS Kenya*. Then, the Sultan had sailed out in the royal barge to greet us. The last of the Sultans — and all the Sultanas — have gone, toppled in a revolution in 1964. But the palace, the barge and their trappings remain, and many older Zanzibaris still speak of them with respect — as they do of the Dutch, the Germans and the British, all of whom stamped their standards and education systems on the island. Even my minicab driver, Self ("I drive safely, beep-beep, ha ha"), had sat the Oxford and Cambridge Joint School Certificate examination in 1952 and passed with four credits.

Sadly, since the revolution Zanzibar has become more dilapidated than ever, with much of the lovely white architecture besmirched by a creeping black mould, public transport erratic and the economy on a switchback. But a preservation order, backed by a United Nations grant, has halted demolition of all buildings of architectural merit — and there are hundreds.

Stonemasons are restoring crumbling walls and facades. Carpenters and metalmiths are fashioning replicas of the famous Zanzibar doors — massive rectangles of mahogany or teak, elaborately stud-



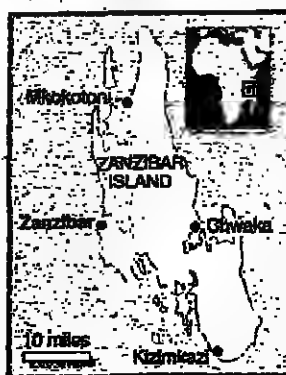
Stalls in Zanzibar town sell produce grown in the north of the island

### ZANZIBAR FACT FILE

**Getting there:** Gulf Air (0171-408 1717) flies to Zanzibar from Heathrow on EL063 return; British Airways (0345 222111) flies to Dar-es-Salaam with connecting flights to Zanzibar (30 min) by Precision Air or Air Tanzania; £999 return. Trailfinders (0171-938 3939) has savings on standard fares (eg. £495 to £567). Specialist operators Somak (0181-423 3000), Cordial Tours (0181-405 0100) or Wild Africa Safaris (0171-259 9908) offer five nights' B&B, including airfare, from £579 to £915 per person, depending on season.

**Where to stay:** the Shangani (00255 54-33688), Mazoons (03694; fax 33695), Dhow Palace, Tembo and Serena Inn in Zanzibar town, or Fisherman's Resort (30208; fax 30556) and Sau Inn, Kidogo and Sun Rise on the coast. Prices range from £8 per person per night (room only) to £42-£68 per person per night (half-board) in the Fisherman's Resort. Central hotels range from £48-£65 (£52-£68 B&B in the Serena Inn).

**Recommended tour operators** are Chemah Tours and Safaris (fax 33385) and Rainbow Tours & Travel (fax 33496).



Map of Zanzibar showing the location of the island and surrounding waters.

cotton suits and naval chaps in white duck. Two miniature cannons still guard the front door; the buffalo head still peers down the staircase but it is white with dust; signs still point to "Committee Room" and "Ladies Powder Room" but the stench stops you in your tracks. The full-sized billiard table is stacked in pieces against a wall and the white pedestal weighing machine — marked in stones and ounces and bearing the sign "Weigh Yourself at the English Club" — is encrusted with verdigris and rust.

The veranda — designed like the deck of a ship, with a view over the Indian Ocean — still has a bar but I had to wake the barman to get a drink. The club is now a hotel.

Zanzibar today enjoys a higher per capita income than the rest of Tanzania, but the economy is linked to the dollar. While I was there the G7 ministers were in session, trying to decide how best to prop up the dollar, and so it was clearly a time for investment to be "frozen".

Everywhere there are half-built houses. Yusuff Khan, a private building contractor, told me: "When times are good, people invest in bricks and cement. Then the currency loses its value and they tell me: 'Stop'. Then they tell me: 'We have more money — put the roof on' or whatever."

One area where "stop-go" is not applied is in the north of the island, where nature dictates events. The cotton and banana plantations, coconut groves, spice trees and herb fields are still the mainstay of Zanzibar's foreign earnings, with cloves accounting for 60 per cent. I followed "the spice trail" and Ali, my guide, proved more than a botanist: he described uses for the spices far beyond their culinary norm.

"Those leaves," he said, pointing to the camellia-like leaves of a clove tree, from which bunches of green cloves were sprouting, "we boil them and give them to pregnant women to stop vomiting."

He popped open a whiskered annatto nut and released a shower of red pips: "African women paint their lips and fingernails with those." Then he broke off a brittle stick, oozing black resin. "Liquorice," he said. "Taste."

My favourite anecdote concerned the nutmeg. Muslim ladies use it to remove their shyness," Ali explained.

"They dry it and grind it and put the powder in tea or coffee, two or three hours before going to bed. It makes them feel sexy. But it has the opposite effect on the husband. So who gets it in their drink depends on how the woman feels that day." I will be watching for the slightest whiff of nutmeg in future.

PETER FAIRLEY

### WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 21

**VOISEMENT**

(b) Consideration, deliberation, reflection, thought. An aphetic form of the Old French *avusement*. "Thou art a fool in that case: For thou speakest without voisement."

**YOKOHAMA**

(c) A toponym from the Japanese city, used as a specific epithet for fine cloth and also birds. "A domesticated breed of jungle-fowl known as the Japanese long-tailed fowls or as Yokohamas."

**VOISELLA**

(c) Tweezers. From the Latin *voisella* tweezers or forceps, from the past participle stem of *vellere* to pluck. "Voisella, or Vulsella, an instrument to pull up hairs with by the Root. Tweezers; Or a Chyrurgical little Tong, which are of different shape according to the Diversity of their Use."

**VACCARY**

(a) A place where cows are kept or pastured; a dairy-farm. From the medieval Latin *vaccaria*, from the Latin *vacca* a cow.

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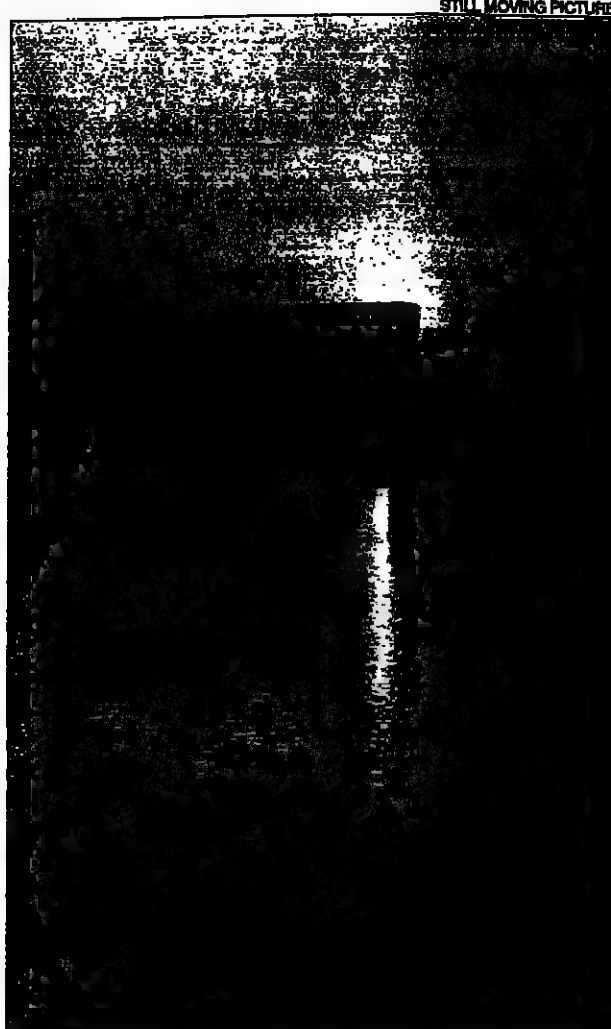
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# A long way to go to run out of steam



The Tay Bridge, first of many engineering landmarks

It may not be the longest train ride in the world and it is certainly not the most glamorous, or even the quirkiest. It has never been featured in any of those celebrity compilations of the world's great train journeys and Paul Theroux has never written about it.

But for the sheer density of its points of interest, British Rail's six times a week Dundee to Penzance train, marketed as *The Cornishman*, the longest scheduled passenger journey in the country, takes some beating.

For 704 miles from the Tayside coastline of northeast Scotland to its destination within ten miles of Land's End, the train carves a cross-section through the geography and daily routine of the nation.

It starts at or before dawn at one of the most easterly extremities of the British Isles and finishes, after the end of the working day, close to England's most westerly point. It is unique in serving as a commuter service during both rush hours at opposite ends of the country.

The service, usually pulled

by a soot-encrusted InterCity 125, creeps out of Dundee station at 6.40 each morning, Sundays excepted. For most of the year it is flagged away in the cold pre-dawn Scottish dark.

During the summer, the few passengers around to witness it are treated to one of the most stunning of a series of picture postcard views as their train trundles across the Tay Bridge. In the first of its many guises during its trip, the departure starts as a morning commuter train for the Jockbrock belt of rural Fife.

The train fills with pin-striped bankers, lawyers and fund managers heading for their offices in Edinburgh's Charlotte Square. It must be one of the most civilised rush hour trains in the country. There are always plenty of spare seats and sweeping views of the coastline of eastern Scotland, culminating in the spectacular run across the Forth Bridge.

Near Edinburgh the train passes within yards of lowly Raith Rovers' minute football ground — the first, and possibly least impressive, of the



End of the line and Jonathan Prynn has had enough after 12 hours, 704 miles and 24 counties of his rail journey

string of sports stadiums that can be seen. By contrast, the next is Murrayfield, capacity 64,000, home of Scottish rugby.

At Edinburgh's Waverley station, where *The Cornishman* arrives at 08.04, the character of the train utterly changes. Out get the pin-stripes to be replaced by students, tourists and pensioners catching what is one of the first InterCity trains of the day going south from the Scottish capital.

The day I caught the train — one of only three who got on at Dundee and were still aboard at Penzance — the passengers joining at Edinburgh included a Canadian family heading for Bristol, bound for Salisbury on a whistle-stop tour of Britain. With the majority of InterCity trains heading straight to London, such cross-country oddities as *The Cornishman* are invaluable to the dedicated tourist.

From Edinburgh, the train plunges through the Border Country south to Berwick-upon-Tweed, England's most northerly town, and to my surprise, one of its most attractive. Passengers have a panoramic view of its ruins of perfectly preserved Georgian town houses from the soaring viaduct across the estuary — another treat for aficionados of

## DUNDEE TO PENZANCE FARE FILE

■ Fares for the trip start from £84 for a limited availability Apex return booked at least seven days in advance. Standard single fare is £104.90, first-class £151.10. A saver return is £133.60, while a Supersaver (not Fridays) is £115.10 return. CrossCountry have a "Voyager" package, including return travel, two free meals, plus unlimited free tea and coffee and a free newspaper — £116.20 standard, £174.80 first-class. NB: All return journeys from Penzance to Dundee involve a change at Edinburgh as there is no through service on the journey back.

■ Hotels and guest houses closest to Dundee station include: The Old Steeple Guest House (01382 200302, double £32 to £44), The Travel Inn (01382 203240, double £35.50) and the West End Hotel (01382 225712, double room £30 to £51).

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It is about this time that the Penzance-bound passenger begins to appreciate why *The Cornishman* has never failed as a glamour train trip. The food is dire. Soggy, microwaved bacon rolls are all very well, but when they are the culinary highlight of a 12-hour train journey, something has to be wrong. A dining car is out of the question. The train is not used by enough of the business market to make it pay.

With luck, this will soon change for the better following last month's sale of CrossCountry, the BR subsidiary that runs *The Cornishman*, to Richard Branson's Virgin

Group. Mr Branson has promised a major overhaul of the trains and a new range of hot and cold meals based on the food served on his Virgin Atlantic airline.

At Newcastle, after ticking off yet another splendid railway bridge, *The Cornishman's* passengers are taken inland for a tour of some of the great towns and cities of the North. Durham, Darlington, York and Leeds follow in quick succession, with the character of the train again changing, now becoming a mid-morning local stopping service.

With five changes of conductor during the course of the

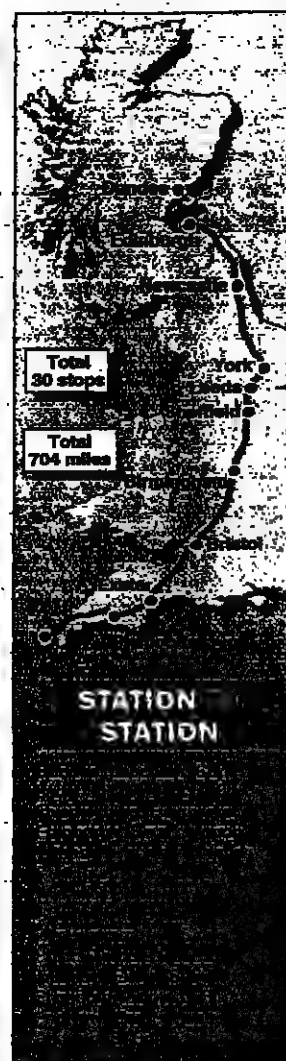
day, the train's voice changes, too. Announcements that were made in the early morning in a guttural Scottish accent, now come over in a Yorkshire dialect. By the end of the day the names of the stations will be called out in a rolling West Country burr. But that is still a long way ahead.

More sites trundle past the window — the crooked spire of Chesterfield and Derby County's Baseball Ground football stadium — before the train reaches the grimy outskirts of Birmingham.

For a trip that begins and ends by the sea and spends much of its journey bounding through the countryside, this is a shocking contrast. For perhaps only a half-hour *The Cornishman* is hemmed in by the dingy industrial landscape of the West Midlands, but it feels longer.

The next stop is nearly 90 minutes away at Bristol, allowing a leisurely lunch selected from the range of "international cuisine" offered in the buffet. On my trip the choice was microwaved packet lasagne or microwaved packet chicken korma. Roll on Virgin Rail. The only consolation is that after Birmingham the views pick up again.

Beyond Bristol, eight hours after departing Dundee, the change in atmosphere on the



train is palpable. The sea appears once again as *The Cornishman* makes its spectacular sweep along the seacoast past Dorchester and Teignmouth. On a day packed with great train vistas, this is the best of all.

It is now evening and at Taunton the train begins to fill with schoolchildren, going home. At Plymouth, where it is scheduled to arrive just before 5pm, it becomes a rush-hour commuter train for the second time in the day. But this is a different clientele from the money men of Fife.

The suits are of the grey, crumpled variety worn by middle management — the length and breadth of Britain. The office workers heading for their homes in the commuter towns and villages of eastern Cornwall are no different.

Beyond Plymouth, *The Cornishman* pairs over its finest railway structure since it left Newcastle, the Tamar Bridge. This is deepest Brunel country and the bridge is one of his masterpieces.

Into Cornwall, the last of 24 counties passed through since Dundee, the train once again becomes a local stopping service, calling at all seven stations between Plymouth and Penzance, and taking two hours to reach the end of the line. The countryside is pretty, but the novelty of sitting for hours watching the world roll by has long passed.

By this stage only the most fanatical of hardened anomalies can still be taking pleasure from the journey. The sight of St Michael's Mount with the certainty of Penzance a few miles beyond at 1855 is a huge relief.

Penzance, where we arrived 15 minutes late, is literally the end of the line. More than 300 miles from London and 700 from Dundee, the sight of the grimy train nestling up to the buffers is deeply satisfying. I have never done the Trans-Siberian Express, but I doubt whether many travellers emerging at Vladivostok after their seven-day trek have felt a greater sense of achievement.

JONATHAN PRYNN

## Great city break in Dundee

DUNDEE is one of 11 less fashionable cities which have joined forces to convince visitors that they can offer just as much on a short break as London, Edinburgh or York.

Under the banner "Great British Cities", they are promoting bargain deals in a range of hotels from four-star palaces to simple guest houses, and publicising attractions open all the year.

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GRAMPIAN Country Cottages still has a few properties available for rent over Christmas. Guests will receive a complimentary bottle of whisky and festive decorations. The cottages include Granary Wharf Villas, close to a sandy beach for that Boxing Day swim, and Dykeside Cottage, on a working farm. Prices range from £225 to £350 a week. Details, 01464 861778.

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## Cruising

OAKLEY Court Hotel, Windsor plans a Boxing Day morning cruise along the Thames as part of a three-night festive break. The hotel offers all the trimmings: from midnight mass to mulled wine and mince pies in a Victorian country house atmosphere. The price for three nights' full board is £435 a person. Details, 01753 609988.

## For singles

SOLO's, which specialises in holidays for single people, is offering a three-night Christmas break with dancing every evening at the Aubrey Park Hotel, Hertfordshire. Other attractions include a full Christmas lunch, a tour of Roman St Albans, a pantomime and quiz. The half board price is £309 a person. Details, 0181 951 2800.

## Get active

FOR THOSE who want a really active Christmas, a walking, tour and activity break, both based at Pencerrig Hotel on the Welsh border, are on offer from Acorn Activities from December 23 to 26. Both include a traditional Christmas lunch and full board with the walking holiday (£170 a person) featuring trips led by guides along the River Wye. The activity break (£250 a person) includes mountain bike riding, white-water rafting and abseiling. Details, 01432 830083.

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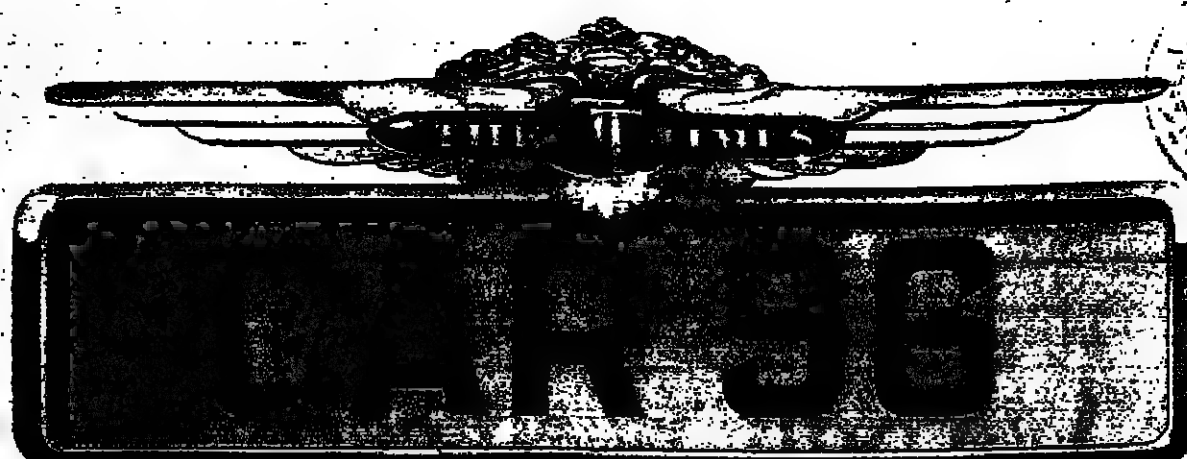






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A dousing in the desert holds up Thrust

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# Tacky style but a groovy drive

**Bridget Harrison**  
found Ford's Ka  
full of pretentious  
gimmicks — then  
she sat behind the  
wheel. It made  
her feel like a girl  
racer and left even  
the Mini standing

The Ka, Ford claims, is set to be the style statement of the Nineties. It will be a car that people buy, not only out of need, but out of desire.

In the Ka's tiny size and radical looks, Ford is hoping to reproduce the classic appeal of the Mini, which has maintained style, originality and popularity for almost 40 years. It has already named it "the Mini for the new millennium", but will car buyers agree?

Spending millions on advertising and marketing to target drivers with "an attitudinal mindset", Ford launched the Ka to great fanfare at Conran's Mezz in London's Soho with a glitzy party that included *The Big Breakfast's* Sharon Davies and "It Girl" Tamara Beckwith. With this in mind, my gut reaction towards the Ka is cynicism.

For a start, I have an instant aversion to driving a car whose sense of style has been contrived by marketing men in grey suits, let alone promoted by Ms Beckwith. Second, would any driver with an iota of originality and flair wish to be seen in a Ford? The small blue emblem has stamped too many Cortinas, Escorts and Sierras to be taken seriously as a symbol of style.

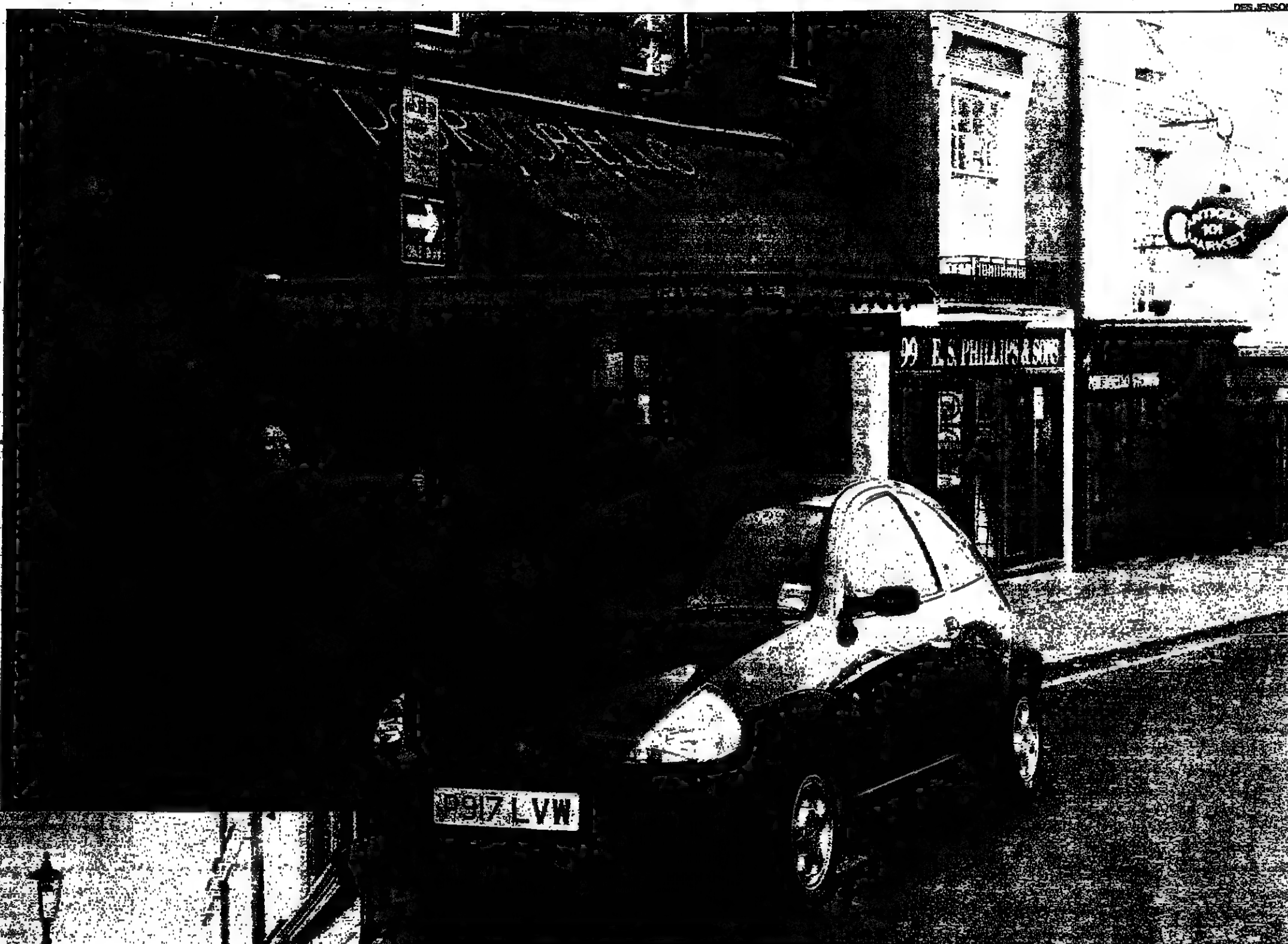
The Ka's marketing brief is screamingly apparent as soon as you set eyes on it. Its body is rounded, almost like a Beetle, with shapely curves and dinky headlights that shine like eyes. Its features have been designed to make it stand out from the crowd, and appeal especially to women. The effect is too obvious to be cool.

In contrast, the Mini started life as a doodle on the back of a cigarette packet. Invented in 1959 by Sir Alec Issigonis, who had the brainwave of fitting the engine into a 2ft area by turning it sideways, the Mini was revolutionary in automobile design. The first four-seater car with a length of just 10ft, and under £500 in price, it reflected a time of both technical and social revolution.

By the swinging Sixties everyone who was anyone owned a Mini — the Beatles, Bowie, Jagger, Twiggy, Paul Newman and Steve McQueen, even Enzo Ferrari. In the Seventies it had become such a symbol of British life that inflation was measured by its price.

Apart from a few other little gems such as the Beetle, Citroën 2CV and Renault 4, no car has come close to the character of the Mini. But in a sense, the Ka is also a reflection of its time. After years of churning out bland cars, manufacturers are trying to put character and style back into their products. A revolution of niche marketing and packaging is upon us and there is no better example than the Ka.

One glance at the Ka's interior and it is almost possible to hear the



Chic and technically radical, the Mini became synonymous with locations such as London's Portobello Road in the Swinging Sixties. The Ka may not have the same iconoclastic style when parked there, but slices its way through Nineties urban traffic

speaking obscure common sense and taste. "Ka" apparently means "life force and soul" in Egyptian. No doubt Ford thought the association a clever idea. However, the reality leaves one at a total loss when using the word. Only a catchy nickname, like the Beetle (originally called the Volkswagen, Hitler's People's Car) might save it.

My firm cynicism towards the Ka only began to melt when I hit the road. With power steering and fast acceleration under my belt, I suddenly felt as mean as any man in a Mercedes. I found myself burning round Hyde Park Corner in the rush hour as if it was a quiet country roundabout and I lane-barged as deftly as the toughest of black cabs. With "Girl in a Sports Car" blasting on the stereo, I was transformed into a slick chick on a mission and unquestionably the toughest totty on the road. The Ka may have been over-designed on the exterior, but inside I was cool.

Struggling across London in a Mini is, sadly, not a comparable experience. Laden down with two passengers, in serious traffic and grappling with a clunky clutch was enough to give me footsies for a week. Hyde Park Corner became a jungle of juggernauts and towering coaches which left me sweating,

and ingeniously turns over to reveal a storage box for CDs. Totally over the top, the feature is nothing but naff and inconvenient for anyone who likes to have a few possessions cluttering their dashboard.

Dinky designing aside, the most unforgivable mistake Ford has made is in choosing such a terrible name. Once again, the men in grey suits were allowed to let marketing

brains of Ford's designers ticking over. The dashboard resembles a space capsule, jazzed up with a pretty white speedometer, natty luminous clock and dinky eyeball air vents. Although practical and user-friendly, these added touches are unbearably contrived.

Instead of a shelf, the Ka has a grey plastic "purse" embedded into its dashboard. This pops open to make a compartment for make-up,

## Small hopes for AD2000

THE race is on to find the Mini for the millennium. Carmakers are ready to roll out a line of new models — starting with the Ford Ka, launched as much for its style as its practicality. But Mercedes is preparing its new A-class car, which will be ready in two years, and then will come the new Mini, the version for the year 2000 of the car which defined the word and the class.

What it will be like, we have no idea. And will it ever be able to live up to the original Mini, which even managed to have an entire film — *The Italian Job* — devoted to it?

We have driven the revamped 1997 version, though, and compared it with the Ka and 21 other competitors in the market for minis and superminis. Turn to pages 2 and 3.



Starring the car: the Mini in *The Italian Job*

and no cab driver even acknowledged my existence. It was only alone on the open road, burning round corners with the engine rooming as it did in *The Italian Job*, that I could really appreciate the Mini's true class.

Another car nudging at the Mini market is the Fiat Cinquecento. In my opinion this little number does not deserve a look in. No doubt loved by its many owners, to me it

is too twee and buggy-like ever to embody a sense of style. It is nippy and fun, but nothing special behind the wheel and, more to the point, is used too frequently as a hire car on package holidays to be truly cool.

I doubt if any car, however small or cunningly designed, will ever take the place of the Mini. Despite its faults, it will always remain the original of its kind. The Ka may be just as good a reflection of its time,

but only by its radical looks rather than the technology of its design.

Nurtured with love and an icon on the road, the Mini is a style classic. However, if an object of style can be derived not only from innovation, love and a past, but also from how it makes you feel, then the Ka may find a place in history yet. Not for its gimmicks, curves or dinky touches, but simply because it is groovy to drive.

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In the age of the small, environmentally friendly car, what are the pros and cons out of more than 20...

After the disappearance of Bob Monkhouse's gag book comes the loss of the script for making minis. Carmakers are rushing to market with a generation of small frugal cars designed to run around crowded towns and cities yet offer big car comfort and equipment.

There were already 22 minis, like the original Mini or Fiat Cinquecento, or superminis — as their slightly bigger sisters are known — on the market when Ford announced the launch of the Ka and accelerated the race for sales in the segment. Ford reckons the demand

for small cars like the Ka will jump in the next three years to more than 1 million across Europe by the end of the century.

Apart from the fact that we need cars that are easier to park, easier on fuel and easier on the environment, more families are becoming two or even three-car households. Apart from dad's company car, they want a people-carrier or a 4x4 for weekends and a runabout either for mum's shopping or the teenagers to drive.

But when the marketing men wrote their script for the future, they forgot the obvious. They asked

## We only need certain minimal requirements

lots of drivers what they wanted in a new supermini and, not surprisingly, discredited potential buyers ran up a list which included almost everything but the kitchen sink. Of course they wanted air-conditioning, compact disc player and power

steering. Amazing they didn't go on to ask for a troop of dancing girls, 26-piece orchestra and candlelight dinner for four with the package.

So the Ka arrived, a two-door hatchback with a basic price of £7,350 — £8,195 if you go for Ka2

with air-conditioning, power steering and the CD player.

Meanwhile, the Mini — 38 years after launch — goes on and on. Only now it comes stacked to the window panes with luxury like a walnut dashboard and a stereo.

And it costs nearly £9,000. Buy it on two-year finance and it could cost you nearer to £10,500 — the price of a decent mid-size family saloon.

What went wrong? Surely the storyline for the future of small cars, which will cover relatively few miles weekly mainly in town, should be of bare, basic but technically accomplished small cars using new and cleaner fuel sources.

Surely, this is a plot which should end with a range of new cars which are not only small but cheap. Of course buyers will vote for a CD player if they are given the

choice. But if their journey is only five miles long, they could manage with Classic FM for 20 minutes. When parents look for their teenager's car, they want safety first and low cost second.

When the Mini was launched, it had string-pull door openers, sliding windows and a single big speedo in the centre of the dashboard. It was cheap and fun, and it sold by the million. Today, the Ka is £1,000 too expensive, the Mini at least £3,000 over-priced. Cut the sticker-price and millions more will want small — but inexpensive — cars.



**CITROËN AX**  
Size: Minimum length 3,531mm/width 1,575mm.  
Price: £6,350 to £6,700.  
For: Clever and nippy.  
Against: Long-in-the-tooth, unrefined.  
Verdict: Almost past its sell-by-date, but cute styling and clever packaging make the AX worth a look for the money (some might even say it's more interesting than the Saxo). Be quick the place an order, though: the car is due to be phased out as Saxo takes over.



**CITROËN SAXO**  
Size: Length 3,718mm/width 1,575mm.  
Price: £7,350 to £9,380.  
For: Clean new look.  
Against: No character.  
Verdict: Surely, looks too bland by half to be a proper Citroën. What happened to the quirks which were so endearing? Better-equipped versions verge on the pricey side. Having said that, the Saxo is a good, if undistinguished, performer and deserves consideration.



**DAIHATSU CHARADE**  
Size: Length 3,750mm/width 1,620mm.  
Price: £7,795 to £10,385.  
For: Everything works.  
Against: So what? styling.  
Verdict: Someone, somewhere loves the Charade, but not that many people. Clever engine, but the ride is unpleasant and the cabin unwelcoming. Dealer coverage too far spread to make the Charade a really serious player in Britain. Cars also look expensive against rivals.



**FIAT PUNTO**  
Size: Length 3,750mm/width 1,625mm.  
Price: £7,482 to £10,527.  
For: A Fiat that works.  
Against: Dating against rivals.  
Verdict: Classy ride, great engines and lots of fun. The Punto, former European Car of the Year, looks good and feels good, but serious players with an eye on their wallets might worry about resale prices, which have a tendency to free-fall, while durability is also a concern.



**FORD FIESTA**  
Size: Length 3,629mm/width 1,634mm.  
Price: £7,645 to £11,315.  
For: New engines, new looks.  
Against: Avoid harsh 1.3 engine.  
Verdict: Incredibly-improved old stager. Roomy, driveable, cute styling and extremely highly-equipped as well as aggressively priced. Go for the brilliant high-power/high economy 1.25 engine. Remarkable revamp for an ageing package to stay top of the sales chart.



**KIA PRIDE**  
Size: Length 3,556mm/width 1,600mm.  
Price: £5,489 to £8,749.  
For: Cheap.  
Against: Ugly, old tech.  
Verdict: Not worth the effort really. Thin dealer network fogging what is essentially a disguised old Mazda. Why pay the same for the technology of yesteryear when you can have the new stuff? Nothing special on offer here (assuming you can find one), so keep looking.



**LADA SAMARA**  
Size: Length 4,006mm/width 1,425mm.  
Price: £4,845 to £7,345.  
For: Incredibly cheap.  
Against: Pretty nasty.  
Verdict: Only in the survey on price because it would be too big to consider otherwise. Much-improved and looks better, but still too unsophisticated to compete with the rest. Cheap sticker price, but resale prices can be embarrassing. So spend a bit more to be sure.



**MAZDA 121**  
Size: Length 3,628mm/width 1,634mm.  
Price: £8,395 to £10,805.  
For: It works.  
Against: It's a Fiesta.  
Verdict: Why does Mazda need the 121, a rebadged Fiesta made at Dagenham in Essex? The Japs want to boost their European sales using this Dagenham clone, but for British buyers there is no point in switching. Ford's big dealer network sees to that. And for recommendation, see under Fiesta.



**MITSUBISHI COLT**  
Size: Length 3,680mm/width 1,680mm.  
Price: £9,919 to £12,499.  
For: Reliable beyond belief.  
Against: Anonymous.  
Verdict: One thing you know about any Mitsubishi is that the quality and reliability are great — but that's about all you can say. Another Japanese car without face or character which will work for ever, though parts will be expensive and the Colt will never thrill.



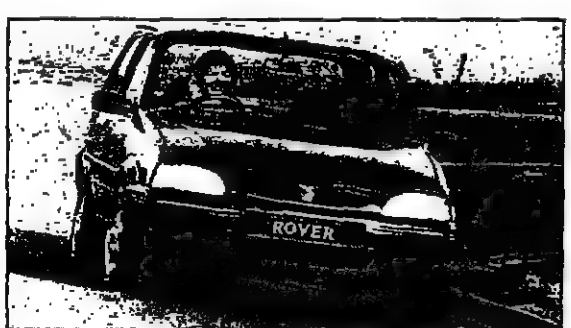
**NISSAN MICRA**  
Size: Length 3,695mm/width 1,585.  
Price: £7,195 to £10,585.  
For: Made in Britain.  
Against: Looks like a pedal car.  
Verdict: Whether you like the styling or not is irrelevant if you want reliable, cheap city transport. Micra was Japan's first — and deserved — European Car of the Year. Great packaging, ride with legendary build quality — and it's made in Sunderland. Nothing more need be said.



**PEUGEOT 106**  
Size: Length 3,556mm/width 1,585mm.  
Price: £7,855 to £11,905.  
For: Best handling supermini.  
Against: Too pricey.  
Verdict: Peugeot is very good at small cars, and it would be difficult to find a better drive in this category. Looks great, while the "hot" versions are a joy. The French company demands a premium price for excellence and equipment, but sometimes you need to spend more for the best.



**RENAULT CLIO**  
Size: Length 3,708mm/width 1,626mm.  
Price: £7,490 to £14,750.  
For: Nicole likes it.  
Against: So does Papa.  
Verdict: Long-time favourite, and quite right too. Great drive, lots of room and distinctive styling make the Clio stand out from the rest. Managed to stay fresh against competition and still appeals across a wide age range. RSi version a stunner.



**ROVER 100**  
Size: Length 3,048mm/width 1,397mm.  
Price: £7,126 to £12,588.  
For: Great engines.  
Against: Older than Status Quo.  
Verdict: Attempts to freshen a 16-year-old package tricky, but Rover has almost pulled it off. Only 18 months or so before Rover runs the car out of production, so a good buy with excellent K-series engines. Definitely worth a second look, especially if Rover deals offer discounts.



**SEAT IBIZA**  
Size: Length 3,683mm/width 1,600mm.  
Price: £7,485 to £13,150.  
For: It's a Volkswagen.  
Against: It's a what?  
Verdict: Difficult to make a car which sounds like a chair interesting, but Seat has a go. Ibiza built on VW floorpan with VW experience, although Seat deliberately makes it cars sportier even if pretty expensive. Does have intriguing 1.8 16-valve GT in the line-up too.



**SKODA FELICIA**  
Size: Length 3,855mm/width 1,635mm.  
Price: £6,175 to £9,499.  
For: VW quality control.  
Against: Indifferent styling.  
Verdict: Your kids won't like this choice, but don't be put off by the badge because VW has resurrected Skoda. Canny pricing, even though the Felicia is bigger than most of the cars in the top 20, makes the Skoda an interesting and worthy contender in this segment.



**SUBARU JUSTY**  
Size: Length 3,745mm/width 1,590mm.  
Price: £9,433 to £9,834.  
For: Four-wheel-drive.  
Against: Why?  
Verdict: Subaru has kept faith with pioneering four-wheel-drive whether the customer wants it or not. The Justy has got it and it works very nicely, thank you. But that makes the Justy pretty expensive and it's not particularly demure or lovely. So leave 4x4s to Land Rover.



**SUZUKI SWIFT**  
Size: Length 3,709mm/width 1,575mm.  
Price: £6,720 to £10,175.  
For: Performance.  
Against: Noisy, basic.  
Verdict: Outsider in this survey, but one which performs well. Suzuki not hugely well-known for its cars, but the Swift will get you around town happily enough, though it might seem a little crude and unwelcoming against the best that is on offer from the Europeans.



**TOYOTA STARLET**  
Size: Length 3,708mm/width 1,575mm.  
Price: £8,365 to £11,469.  
For: It's a Toyota.  
Against: Who cares?  
Verdict: Ugh! That name. Would you buy a starlet? Unimaginative name, styling and character — although they have put a lot of effort into the pricing. At least you know your Starlet, if not a machine made in heaven, will beat most earthlings for quality and reliability.



**VAUXHALL CORSA**  
Size: Length 3,730mm/width 1,608mm.  
Price: £7,850 to £12,275.  
For: Good looking.  
Against: Poor ride.  
Verdict: Corsa was launched in adverts with a bevy of supermodels, yet still failed to capture public imagination. Wide range, although the drive is a little rough and ready and interiors unsophisticated. Not a good position to be in with the launch of the Ford Ka now under way. A rethink is due.



**VOLKSWAGEN POLO**  
Size: Length 3,715mm/width 1,655mm.  
Price: £7,845 to £10,855.  
For: Build quality, shape.  
Against: Interiors.  
Verdict: Probably the best all-rounder in the category. Roomy, excellent build quality, handsome styling and enjoyable to drive. You pay slightly more for a Polo, but there are no holes: you are paying to own effectively the benchmark supermini.



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... and who are the winners in this ferociously competitive sector? Alan Copps and Kevin Eason report



Out in front from left, the Fiat 500 Cinquecento, the legendary Mini designed by Alec Issigonis and Ford's Ka, three examples of how small can be beautiful, practical, economical and ideal for driving in the streets of crowded cities

#### KA

If you want to turn heads then the Ka is the thing to drive. Alan Copps writes. On my son's tenth birthday we headed for London's Trocadero in this state-of-the-art mini. Stuck fast in the Shaftesbury Avenue traffic something happened that occurs very rarely, even in the most exotic car.

Not once, but twice, people simply stepped off the pavement and rapped at the window to ask about the Ka. Park this curvy little number anywhere and you are likely to return to a knot of people discussing its shape.

If Ford set out to design a vehicle that would attract attention, it has succeeded beyond all expectations. But how does it drive?

You can't expect too many fireworks from the engine. Ford has equipped the Ka with the improved 1.3-litre Endura version of the unit that has powered the Fiesta for years, rather than the much more modern, economical and perkier 1.25-litre Zetec which has made recent Fiestas a pleasure to drive. It seems odd to put such a venerable design in a car that is being pushed so hard as a trendsetter, but Ford says it keeps costs down and that's vital because in this class of car cost is crucial and the Ka faces ferocious competition. The 1.3-litre engine also offers utter predictability and puts long-term reliability beyond doubt. Cheap servicing and Ford's vast dealer network will also play a large part in the equation for anyone looking for a car of this size.

Where Ka scores most heavily is in its excellent handling and roadholding, especially when allied to the power-assisted steering, standard on the up-market Ka 2 and a £395 option on the base model. In town the tightest parking space is yours, while on a country road the response is better than many a larger car. It is this all-round ability that takes the Ka from being merely cute to appealingly practical.

## Vote for any one of three leaders

The newest, the classic original and an Italian job lead the field

#### MINI

Two lanes of traffic in solid, single file as far as the eye could see. Nowhere to go and nowhere to turn to — except in a Mini. The opposite single-carriageway was clear, so I simply spun the Mini into a quick turn and headed back the way I had come to turn off and into clear road, Kevin Eason writes.

The Mini is not just the retro-looking fashion accessory everybody seems to think it is these days. It is simply the best city car ever invented.

Even 38 years after Sir Alec Issigonis found a way to put four people into a box 10-feet long, nobody has managed the packaging better. You couldn't have spun the Ka in that narrow carriageway, or even the Cinquecento, come to that. Nor would either of them zip along so quickly, so niftily negotiating bends and turns, diving through tiny gaps that would normally have had me checking the wing mirrors to see if they were still there.

Rover has updated the Mini so it can pass the latest exhaust

emission and crash tests. More powerful 1.275cc engine, tougher Koni shock absorbers and low-profile tyres on 13-inch wheels make the Mini as exciting as it gets to drive. Issigonis, with suspension guru Alex Moulton, solved the problem of a harsh ride on such a small wheelbase early on and there is no unpleasant jolting as in other small cars.

Instead, the Mini is wonderful, as near to driving a go-kart with bodywork as you can get. The sit-up-and-beg driving position is still there and slo-liners will find the cramped distance between seat and pedals insufferable. For the rest of us though, the Mini is laugh-a-minute driving, a dream in the city where you can park on a sixpence — 2ap for our younger readers — and drill your way through even the heaviest traffic. Even on motorways, it will hold its own against the super-cruisers. But it is also noisy, harsh and unsophisticated, in spite of Rover's efforts to kid us otherwise by fitting a walnut dashboard, leather seats and lots of dials — and putting the price up to nearly £9,000.

Nonsense. The Mini should be as Issigonis intended it: bare, stripped down, fun... and cheap. Rover can throw away all the fancy walnut and leather: give me a speedo, fuel gauge, hardbacked seats — even original spring-pull door openers — and cut the price to £4,500. Then I might order two of them.

#### FIAT 500

In a tiny package, the Fiat 500 offers basic transport with the typical virtues of Italian cars: a sense of style on the outside and an engine that responds willingly to make driving a pleasure. Alan Copps writes. In its Sporting version it will cruise a motorway as happily as fit into the tightest parking space in town.

I drove an SX version back-to-back with Ka to see how it fares against the latest competition. While the Cinquecento remains an engaging car to

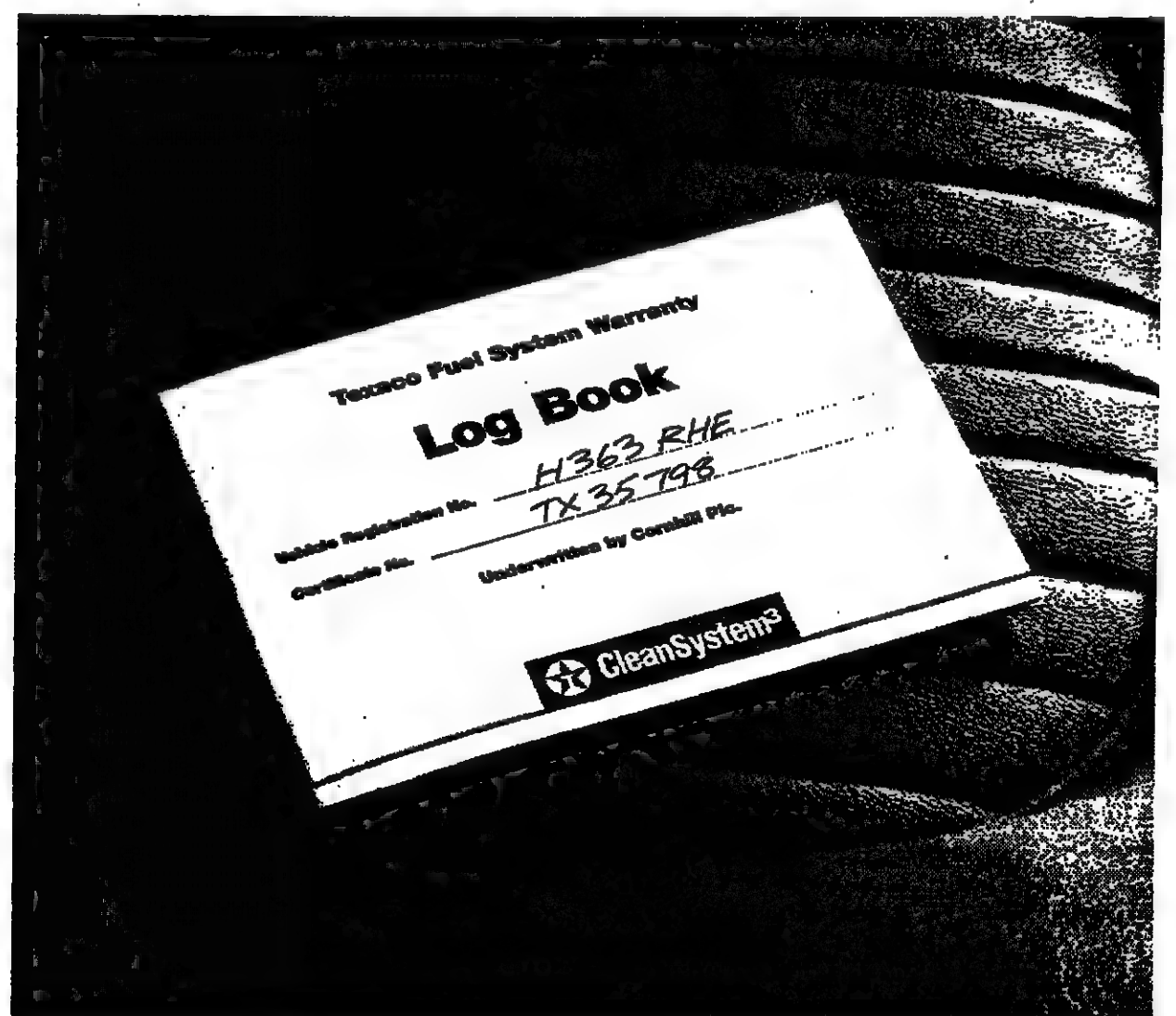
drive — and much the most economical of its class — in terms of refinement and ride the current version is beginning to show its age. The Ka is superior in finish and comfort. But on grounds of price the eedearing little Cinquecento remains the leading mini by a long way. At £6,591 on the road, the SX version is £1,239 cheaper than the cheapest Ka

and £2,074 cheaper than Ka2, the luxury version we were given to test. Even the Cinquecento Sporting, the racy top-of-the-range version which outperforms any Ka in speed and economy, costs only £7,054 — 10 per cent less than the cheapest Ka and almost £2,000 less than the Mini which takes a fraction of a second less to reach 60mph

but which it beats for both top speed and economy. As a city car for short journeys, I still think the Cinquecento is exceptional value. Even taking my wife and three-year-old daughter on a 100-mile househunting trip, it passed the tolerance test.

In these environmentally aware days, it might also be claimed as the most responsi-

ble petrol car around. Fiat introduced it in Italy as the first production car offered with the option of electric power. Very few electric versions have been sold, however, because of predictable problems of range and recharging. But the very idea suggests that this car, or a direct descendant, will be around well into the next millennium.



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**Equipment:** (SX) Immobiliser, central locking, manual sunroof, electric front windows, radio cassette all standard.  
**For:** If price is the priority then it's hard to beat.  
**Against:** Has driver appeal, but lacks refinement.  
**Verdict:** For cheap and cheerful motoring still leads the way, but not so

**Size:** Length 3,050mm/1,410mm.  
**Price:** £8,995.  
**Performance:** (for 1.3) 0-60mph in 12.2 seconds, top speed 90mph, fuel consumption 43mpg average.  
**Equipment:** 12-inch sport wheels, leather steering wheel, electric sunroof £795, leather trim £500, wooder door cappings £295, sports pack £795.  
**For:** Ultimate city car.  
**Against:** Noisy, harsh and very, very expensive.  
**Verdict:** The one and only. Nearly middle-aged, but refusing to show it. But cut the price to make it the

**Size:** Length 3,620mm/1,631mm  
**Price:** £7,820 (£8,665 Ka 2)  
**Performance:** (with power steering) 0-60mph in 14.3 seconds, top speed 98mph, fuel consumption 42.2mpg average.  
**Equipment:** High-security locks and immobiliser, soft-feel steering wheel, seatbelt grabbers. Ka 2 has as standard: power steering, central locking, power windows and driver seat adjustment pack.  
**For:** A joy to drive in or out of town.  
**Against:** Cutesy marketing and gimmicks.  
**Verdict:** A mini for the Nineties, but







Eve-Ann Prentice on new research into real drivers that shows safety devices can actually cause injuries

# Women don't act like dummies

Videotapes of people who were unaware they were being filmed seem to prove what has long been suspected: women tend to do it close up, while large, young men prefer to do it at arm's length.

Filmed in Britain and America, the tapes provide evidence that dummies used in crash tests fail to show important differences in how sex, build and age can affect the way people are injured in road accidents.

Women and the elderly are at greater risk in a head-on smash than young and middle-aged men, partly because, being generally shorter and lighter, they sit closer to the steering wheel and dashboard. They also risk being hurt by the very safety devices that are supposed to safeguard them: head-rests, airbags and even seatbelts.

The films are part of a research programme by Murray Mackay, Professor of Transport Safety at Birmingham Accident Research Centre. He and his team say that filming drivers and front seat passengers when they were unaware they were being watched showed that "the seated position adopted by real drivers appeared to differ greatly from the standard seated position assigned to Hybrid III dummies in crash tests".

In a paper outlining his findings from a series of studies, he adds: "Since dummies do not appear to represent the real driver population in terms of head position, considerable doubt is thrown upon the practice of using conventional dummy positions in the design process."

Speaking from his offices at Birmingham University on the day it was reported that a one-year-old baby girl was decapitated by an airbag in Boise, Idaho, Dr Mackay also explained how safety equipment can do more harm than good. Airbags can injure drivers and passengers sitting too close to the dashboard and head restraints can snap people's necks and heads backwards over the top of them in rear-end smashes unless they are positioned high enough behind the head. If the drivers or passengers sit too far forward, their heads are slammed back into the restraints.

"With airbag technology, sitting closer than the design position to the steering wheel carries risk of increased injury to the brain, neck and chest, especially with the large volume North American bag," says Dr Mackay.

Even seatbelts, while acknowledged as making a huge impact in saving lives, can cause harm if not worn correctly. The elderly can suffer broken ribs and the obese



The videotapes show that women drivers tend to sit closer to the steering wheel, making them vulnerable to injuries that can be caused by airbags and head restraints

often find it all but impossible to fasten seatbelts correctly, low across the pelvis. Instead, the overweight fasten the belts across their stomachs, risking abdominal injuries in the event of an accident.

Dr Mackay's unit has discovered that women sit up to 6.5ins closer to the dashboard than men; however, tall, young men are more likely than women to be injured in side-on crashes. The revelation came after video cameras were set up at right angles to the traffic flow which, in America, recorded the drivers and passengers in 37 popular car models; and in Britain in 19 makes of vehicle.

Passengers were even more unpredictable than drivers in the way they sat, and were consequently in even greater danger of injury when fidgeting or stooping to look at bags on the floor. In Britain, where cars tend to be smaller than in America, passengers were also prone to sit close to the

dashboard because their seats were pushed forward to accommodate rear-seat passengers.

Dr Mackay believes that hi-technology "smart" safety devices which measure seat occupants and calculate the way they sit should be built into future cars.

"What is fascinating is that safety now sells cars," he says. "Things have really moved, with the industry now being positive as opposed to neutral or negative." He believes that most cars could be made 10 to 20 per cent safer for about £30 per vehicle.

Dr Mackay explains the difference between airbags fitted in America and those in Britain. In the US, half the driving population does not wear a seatbelt, even though this is mandatory, and the bags are designed to inflate in accidents at 10mph and over.

"In Europe, the philosophy is that everyone is wearing belts, so airbags here don't inflate until impacts of 18 to 20mph," he says.

European airbags are also designed to protect the head only, so have half the volume of the American version and take longer to inflate.

Dr Mackay, whose work is funded by the Department of Transport, some car manufacturers and the makers of safety devices, started work at Birmingham in 1964. As the son of two doctors, he grew up in a medical environment. "When I first started, I used to go to the scene of crashes. At that time, the only source of information about accidents was the police and insurance companies. We developed techniques for detailed crash investigation."

Has he ever been involved in an accident himself? "I have never had a real crash, though I did spin an MG I once had," he says.



Murray Mackay: "considerable doubt" over using conventional dummy positions

## WARNING

### The way to take your seat in safety

YOUR stature and how you sit can affect how badly injured you might be in a crash. The main points to watch are:

- Sit well back and try not to peer over the steering wheel. Position the seat correctly to help you do this.
- At least 88 per cent of people have the head restraint positioned too low and 24 per cent sit too far forward of it. Bad positioning of the restraint can increase the risk of injury in rear impacts, when the head and neck can whip backwards over the device.
- The risk of sitting too far forward of the head restraint is greater in large cars, especially for small women.
- Wear your seatbelt correctly, fastened over the pelvis. Seatbelts can break ribs and cause abdominal injuries when worn too high over the stomach.
- If you are a front-seat passenger, try not to move your seat too far forward to make room for people in the back, and sit facing forwards. In America, passengers were shown to be at risk by bending down to investigate shopping or other belongings on the floor. Passengers also face greater injury when sitting at an angle, which is easier to do if you are not constrained to sit straight like the driver.
- Airbags can inflate with explosive force, especially in America where they are more powerful to meet US safety standards. One driver suffered a badly injured eye when the stem of the pipe he was smoking was snapped off by an inflating airbag in a low-speed accident. The broken pipe and hot ash are believed to have caused his injury.

## Vaughan Freeman discovers the rules of motoring's bottom line

# Back to basics on the seating arrangements

When England and Newcastle United football star Les Ferdinand was looking for a more comfortable seat for his Aston Martin DB7 cabriolet, the advice he got from Terry Moule, his sports injury guru and back expert, was crucial in helping him decide which seat to go for.

Two decades ago when England footballer Gerry Francis found driving so uncomfortable that it was putting his soccer career at risk, it was Moule who came to the rescue by analysing his problem and finding an answer.

Now Moule, whose patient list has included everyone from Sebastian Coe to Olympic multi-gold medalist oarsman Steve Redgrave, is helping Britain's motorists to sit comfortably.

Almost two-thirds of drivers covering more than 10,000 miles a year suffer clinical back pain that is either caused or aggravated by poor adjustment of the driving seat. Apart from the misery such complaints cause, a driver suffering from back pain is going to be less alert, to tire more quickly, and ultimately is less safe at the wheel.

Already Vauxhall has modified the seats in its Vectra saloon. The seats had been designed to suit German drivers whose preference for board-like padding and a back-numbing lack of cushioning did not suit the seating taste of Britons. Now, in a separate initiative, Vauxhall has asked Moule to write a booklet for every model in its range, giving owners advice on how the seat should be adjusted.

Like the softest bed, says Moule, the softest seat is not the best: "A poorly designed seat that is properly adjusted will always be better for a driver than a well designed seat that is poorly adjusted."

It is not a new problem either. "In the late 1970s the England football player Gerry Francis had a Triumph Stag. He had a recurring injury at the time which he was trying to get over and every time Gerry drove his Stag he had problems with it. I found the driving seat in his Stag was much too low and flat. Every time he was accelerating or braking, he was moving around on the seat, and there was no lumbar support.

"Because he was suffering from a prolapsed disc in his spine, all the time he was jiggling about in his seat the disc was being inflamed and it was holding up his recovery from injury. It almost finished his footballing comeback."

Moule prescribed Francis a Saab. Since then Moule, a naturopath and osteopath who specialises in sports injuries, has been involved closely

in the motoring industry and it was a niggling back injury that led him to Vauxhall.

When he met Ed Sabisky, Vauxhall's finance director, at a sporting event the conversation soon switched to cars and to Sabisky's recurring back problem. Moule diagnosed a poorly adjusted driving seat. Sabisky's recovery was so marked that he asked Moule to share his expertise with Vauxhall's customers.

Moule says: "When you buy a new car you are likely to get an owner's manual with 15 pages on how to tune the radio, but nothing on how to tune the driver's seat so it suits you best."

All too often, he says, driver's seats are so soft that while they seem comfortable at first, they cause serious back problems long-term. Even seats that have been well designed can be ruined by marketing executives who then decide lush piping and stitching should be added. These only destroy the seat's ability to support the driver properly.

Improved car seat design might even have caused as many problems as it has solved. Seats offering adjustments in height and tilt, forward and backward movement, lumbar pads, head restraint and steering wheel rake only give motorists the ability to adjust their seat in ways that are hopelessly uncomfortable and damaging.

Moule says: "In eight out of ten cases motorists will have a perfectly adequate car, but they just don't know how to sit in it." Part of the problem is that the old-fashioned attention once paid to posture, "walk tall, stand tall, sit tall", no longer applies.

"In a properly adjusted seat the driver can relax, which means it is possible to respond and to react more quickly. Tension is generated by trying to adjust the body to an uncomfortable seat, which slows down reactions and is potentially dangerous. When was the last time you saw a tense Grand Prix driver? The more tense you become, the more tired you become."

Preparing to sit comfortably

in your car starts with taking off your coat and jacket and driving in a shirt or blouse. Sit in the driving seat and move it backwards and forwards until you can press the throttle and clutch without having to use any leverage in your legs.

Then adjust the seat back and steering wheel tilt so that your arms, with the hands at roughly the height of your shoulders, are only slightly bent and hold the wheel at about the ten to two position.

Feel under your thighs and adjust the seat tilt so it supports your thighs to take strain off the muscles of the buttocks and lower back. The lumbar adjust should then be used until it can just be felt, but not so that it feels like a spare cushion stuffed down your shirt.

Finally, the head restraint should be adjusted so the top of it is level with your eyes. When driving, it is important that you sit back in your seat and do not edge forward: this puts strains and stresses through your body from neck to ankle.

Does it work? Moule advised that I sit too far forward, which brings my thighs off the front of the seat and so places strain on my lower back. This is aggravated by my having the seat-back too upright so it gives virtually no support, placing all the stress on my buttocks and lower back.

The only problem is that initially it feels very peculiar. Says Moule: "Having adjusted your seat, it probably takes about two weeks to get used to the new position because your body has to adjust."



Kindly adjust your seat: Freeman concentrates on sorting out his driving posture















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# Oh, ye'll take the longest road...

Eve-Ann Prentice talks to the owners of a rare and exotic 72-year-old that will be joining other time-honoured cars at Land's End this morning for a rally across the length Britain, testing both them and their drivers to the limits

**A**sadistic, bisexual Indian prince is the unlikely inspiration behind the first car which will set out this morning on the Land's End to John o' Groat's rally, ingeniously called Le Jog from the locations' initials.

Peter and Sue Noble set their hearts on acquiring their 1925-registered Lanchester Tourer after becoming fixated, during a visit to India, by another Lanchester owned by the Maharajah of Alwar. Noble, whose car is the oldest entrant in the three-day AA Le Jog event, first saw the Maharajah's Lanchester in a television programme in the late 1960s.

Years later, during a trip to India, he and his wife discovered that the prince's widow and son were trying to renovate the vehicle. Fired with new enthusiasm after meeting the Maharajah's family, Noble began scouring the world and eventually tracked down the machine he owns today in America, after seeing it advertised for sale in a magazine.

The Maharajah's massive Lanchester, complete with England's Coronation Coach painted on the back and accompanied by liveried white horses, was used as a hunting vehicle by the Indian aristocrat. He used to tie young animals to a tree to lure tigers into view, then shoot the big cats from his car when they turned up for the trussed-up snacks, according to Noble. The Maharajah was also noted for taking swift revenge on a recalcitrant polo pony by having the animal doused in petrol and ignited.

The Nobles' Lanchester, which was made in 1924 but not registered until a year later, is enjoying a far more altruistic, though no less exciting, life than its Indian counterpart. The classic car-loving Nobles have just returned from Jordan after driving their car in the London-Jerusalem rally. And if the 1,660-mile Le Jog were not testing enough, the couple plan to enter next year's Peking-Paris marathon which covers 10,000 miles and will take two months.

The Nobles, who live in Loughborough, Essex, are confident they will reach John o' Groat's on Tuesday after spending 36 hours awake driving between Cornwall and Edinburgh, followed by a 24-hour grind through Scotland. They made it two years ago, but last year were forced to pull out after reaching the River Severn.

"Keeping awake will be the hardest part," says navigator Sue. Her husband agrees, but insists: "It is easier to keep awake in an open car when the weather is freezing. Every minute you are expecting something to go wrong. After all, the Lanchester is 72 years old and weighs three tons."

Do they argue if things go wrong? "We do fall out, but it doesn't amount to much," says Peter. "It's a lot easier for man and wife. We have known best friends argue and one gets out and storms off."

Today, there are just 12 such Lanchesters left in existence and the Nobles' is the only surviving left-hand drive. In its heyday, the future George VI had one when he was Duke of York, as did the Emperor of Japan and Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. But many were scrapped during the Second World War because the bodywork was made of valuable aluminium, bronze, solid nickel and duralumin needed for the war effort.

The Nobles' Lanchester can take 37 gallons of petrol to feed its 6.178cc straight six engine, the radiator nine gallons of coolant and there are nine gallons of engine oil, four of gearbox oil and one-and-a-half gallons of oil in the back axle. Fuel consumption is 11mpg "if driven nicely" and 6mpg "in the mountains".

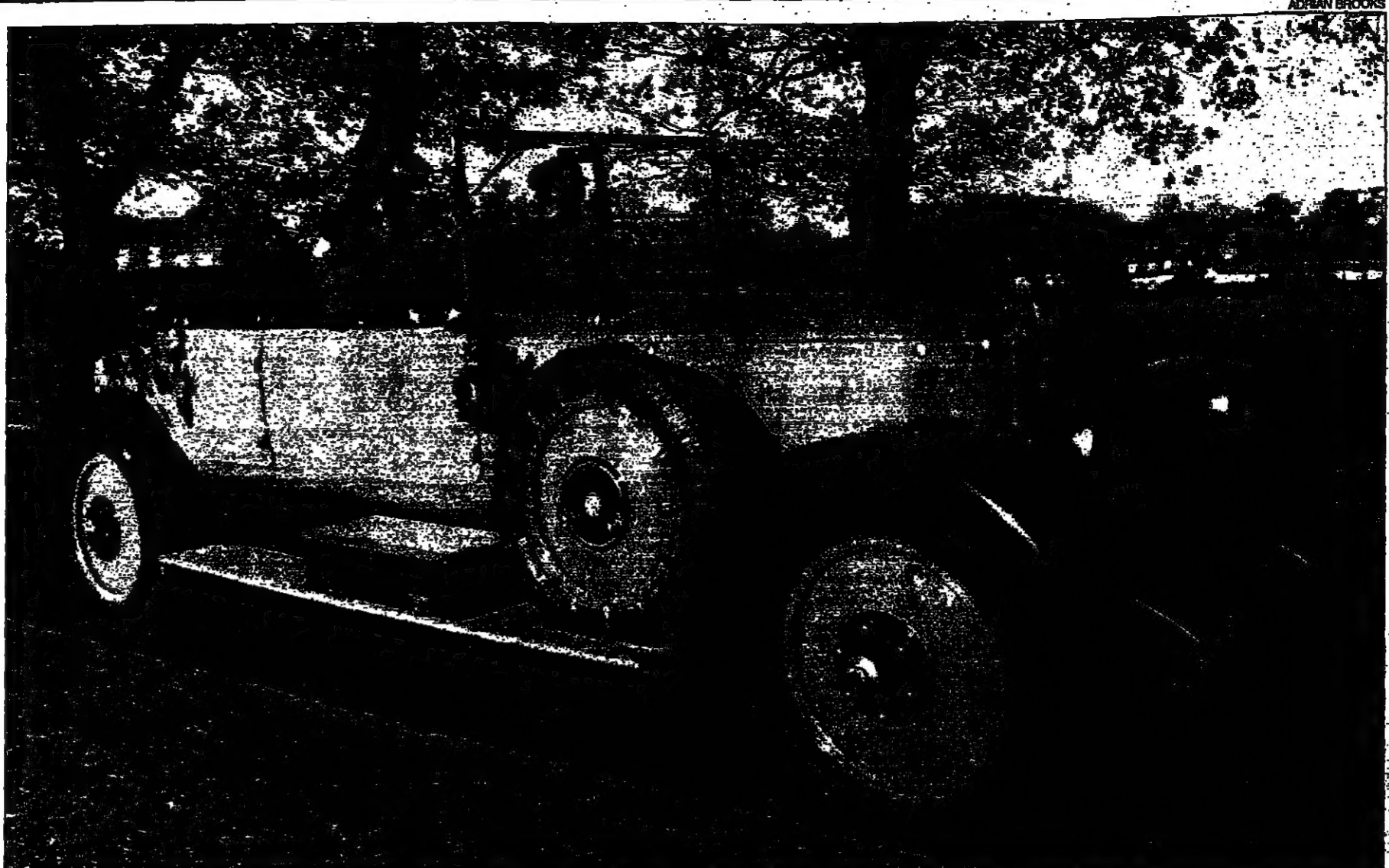
**T**he Nobles also own a 1955 Bentley 51 Continental nicknamed Hero, a veteran of longer journeys than the Lanchester has yet undertaken, including trips to Peking, Hong Kong, Tibet and Saigon. As the Nobles set off on Le Jog this morning, a father and son team will be waiting to take their turn to leave in the first rally they have ever undertaken — "rally virgins" in the jargon of Le Jog. If the course were not daunting enough, they also have to overcome a physical handicap because Philip Waterman, the son, is recovering from a broken ankle.

Driving a 1958 MGA, Philip and Ron Waterman say that entering the rally "seemed a good idea in the pub". What does Philip think will be the most difficult thing? "Staying awake, not falling out with my father and not getting lost in the middle of the night in the middle of nowhere."

To try to prepare for the rally, Philip Waterman tried to hone his navigation skills on a course at the National Motor Cycle Museum in Birmingham. "I didn't fare too well," he admits.

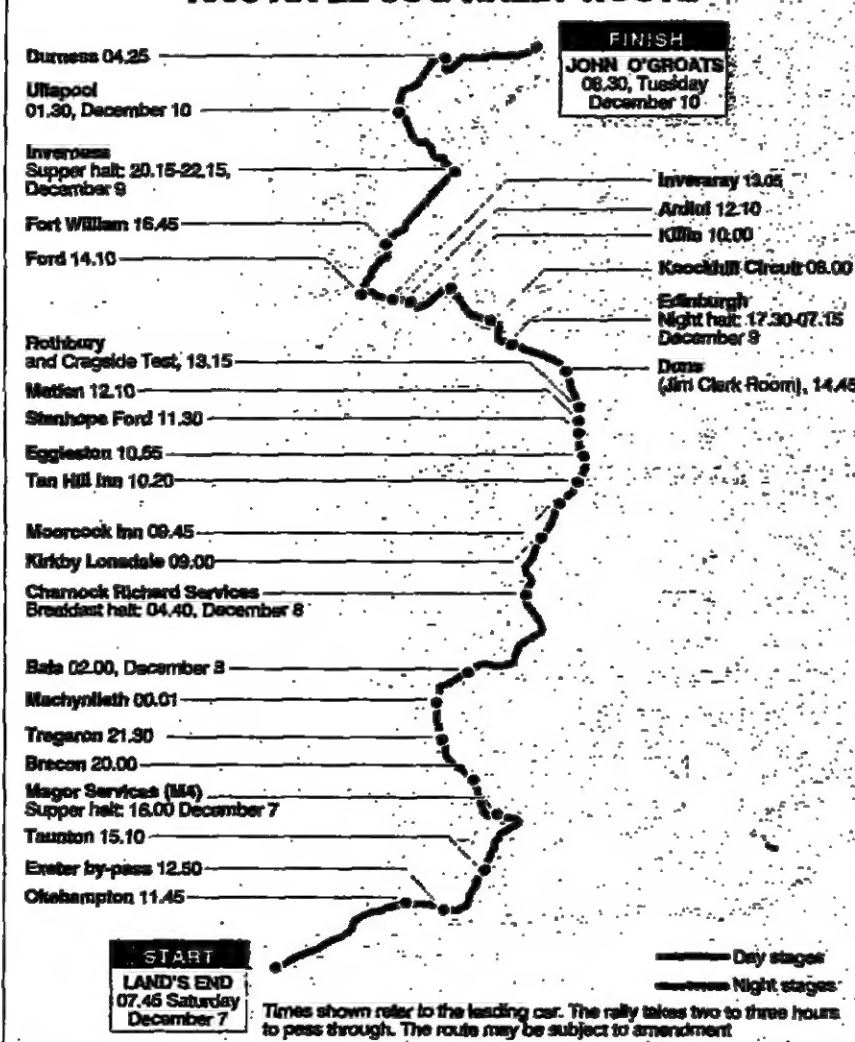
For those who do run into trouble on Le Jog, ideal help will be on hand from seasoned AA roadside rescue teams. Four AA vehicles manned by eight people will cover each of the 26 main points along the route.

"We are working out our own mini-rally," says the AA's Mike Swift. "We have a good team and all of us have had some experience. I have been on the London to Mexico car run, and some of us have been to Bosnia."



Sue and Peter Noble ready for their third Le Jog: "It's easier to keep awake in an open car when the weather is freezing. Every minute you are expecting something to go wrong."

## 1996 AA LE JOG RALLY ROUTE



## AND BACK IN 1925...

In 1925, the year Peter Noble's Lanchester Tourer took to the road:

- A gallon of petrol cost 1s 7d (8p).
- In America, a court in Indiana ordered a motorist who killed a pedestrian to spend an hour alone with the victim's corpse.
- Walter Chrysler founded his company.
- A Rolls-Royce cost £1,891 and the Lanchester Tourer £1,800.

former RAC Rally-winner Neil Wilson in a Porsche 356C. Phil Surtees and John Bayliss will be there in their now-familiar Ford Willsiee Jeep, while the enormous Ford Thunderbird will be put through its paces by John and Birgit van der Steeg.

What the AA describes as "perhaps the bravest entry" is a minuscule three-wheeled Morgan Aero in which Ernst Krudolph and Willem van der Syde will try to play Samson to the Goliaths. Among the 20 competitors from abroad will be entrants from

Austria, Germany, Holland, Norway, Switzerland and America. The next three days will not be all flood, sweat and tears, however. Running alongside the main Le Jog reliability trial will be a gentler touring trial, entered by about 20 crews.

Although entrants in this sister race do not take part in the special tests, they still face a tough test of their endurance since they must complete the course and visit all the main controls on the way. For everyone, it will be a long and winding road.

## The toughest distance between two points

**P**ilots, veterinary surgeons and a sheet metal worker are among the 240 people who will go to extraordinary lengths — 1,659.66 miles to be precise — in the next three days to try to prove that their cars are growing old gracefully, writes Eve-Ann Prentice.

They are competitors in Le Jog, the misleadingly laconic-sounding acronym for the gruelling AA Land's End to John o' Groat's rally which tests the reliability of historic and classic cars. One hundred and twenty venerable machines will set out from a windswept Cornish cliff-top this morning to travel the length and much of the breadth of England, Wales and Scotland. The trip could be completed in 868 miles, but is nearly double that in the rally because of the twisting nature of the route and the mentality of the man whose brainchild it is.

John Brown, Oxford graduate and "an anorak before there were anoraks", had long pondered the trials and tribulations possible on a Land's End-John o' Groat's run before planning and making it a reality in 1993.

This year, AA car finance is sponsoring the event. "They approached us and it is a tremendous filip, they have given a lot of help," says Brown. Sleeplessness is one of the main tests facing the entrants: Le Jog begins at 8am this morning followed by a 36-hour marathon to Edinburgh, a few hours of snatched sleep and food there, followed by a 24-hour slog to John o' Groat's. Brown is a veteran navigator who entered the 1961 RAC Rally in a Saab alongside Erik Carlsson — and won. Since he cannot enter his own brainchild rally, he competes in other historic rallies "for fun".

Le Jog, as Britain's longest rally, is loosely based on the long-distance events popular between 1920 and 1960. Cars and four-wheel-drive utility vehicles made before January 1, 1976 are eligible to enter.

Since there is no overall winner, there are class awards and medals for reaching certain levels of performance. Competitors tackle a variety of tests, including long open handling trials against the clock, observed tests of driving skills and a lap time consistency test

**Le Jog is no joyride — and the red tape is longer than the rally itself**

on a racing circuit. Competitors usually end up doing battle against others in their own class, of which there are a total of 20.

The aspect most newcomers dread is night navigation. Red-eyed entrants are expected to begin arriving in John o' Groat's on Tuesday morning.

Thirty makes of car will take part this year, varying in age from 22 years to 71. So how did John Brown set about establishing — and running — what has become one of the main events of its kind in Britain in just three years?

"The red tape is beyond belief... it is longer than the rally," he says. "Since all events on the public highway are under Government regulation, we have to give the RAC in England and Wales, and the RSAC in Scotland, full details of the route, in some cases tracings in triplicate, from the Ordnance Survey map. We have to get permission from the police, National Park authorities and private landowners."

**A**stonishingly, Brown and the 600-strong army of people he needs to organise Le Jog also contact every single home not on a main road along the route to warn them. The team also helps entrants with insurance, competition licences and accreditation to motoring clubs.

Many people use Le Jog as an opportunity to raise money for charity, and for those who manage the manoeuvrability, time-keeping and other tests particularly well there are gold, silver and bronze medals to be won. This is not as easy as it sounds — only four golds have been awarded since the event was first run in 1993.

Timing is especially important. In so-called regularity sections, drivers must maintain a constant speed over certain parts of the route. For most cars, the speeds are relatively low and easy to maintain in daylight, but much trickier at night. Secret checks are carried out with no prior warning and, to qualify for a medal, entrants must avoid being more than five minutes late or early at these points.

The main prize is the AA trophy for the best team of three cars of the same make or model.

## Historic prices

**A** STUNNING piece of racing history changed hands for £386,500 this week, when the Maserati 250F that won the 1959 Australian Grand Prix was auctioned.

The car in which Australian driver Stan Jones triumphed 37 years ago was one of 100 collectors' cars sold by Brooks at Olympia on Tuesday in a sale worth more than £33

million. A lengthy bidding battle was fought over a 1929 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8A, formerly owned by Led Zeppelin's late manager, Peter Grant, before it went for £106,000.

Meanwhile, a 1929 Bentley 4½-litre Le Mans Replica sold for £135,862 at another huge London auction run by Coys of Kensington.



Wizard of Oz: Stan Jones's winning Maserati 250F



A 1937 Bugatti Type 57C that made £120,000 at the Coys auction. It spent the last 10 years in a Japanese collection.



**THE NEW Mitsubishi Galant**, which makes its European debut at the RAI Motor Show in Amsterdam in February, has been named Japan's car of the year. The Galant range of two-litre four-cylinder, and 2.5-litre six-cylinder, saloons and estates is due to go on sale in Britain in April, with prices starting from £17,269. Safety is high on the agenda, with driver and passenger front and side airbags standard on the 2.5-litre model, pretensioners for front seatbelts and electric anti-trap windows. The range beat 27 competitors for the Japanese car of the year award, which is decided by a panel of motoring specialists and journalists.

**THE only Jaguar D-Type** to have been raced by Jim Clark, the Border Reivers car registration T&P 9, was nearly destroyed at Goodwood but is owned and campaigned by

## AUTOFAX by Les Evans and David Long

**THE 1921 MISS VIOLET CORDELL** DRIVING AN INCHIA 3-LITRE, BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE GLOBE BY CAR.

**THE 1700cc VAUXHALL LOTUS-CARLTON** IS THE WORLD'S FASTEST FOUR-DOOR SALOON.

**THE INDIANAPOLIS 500 WAS FIRST** RUN IN 1911 BUT NO BRITS WON UNTIL JIM CLARK IN 1965 AND GRHAM HILL THE YEAR AFTER.

**DISMISSED BY SOMERSET** A HONDA-POWERED PLASTIC CUCK, THE FASTEST SPEED EVER RECORDED BY A SINGLE CAR IS 15.150 MPH.

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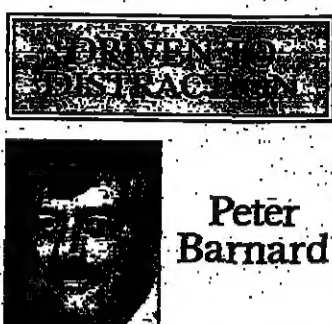
A crocodile-shaped ice scraper or a sponge that plays *Jingle Bells*? Perhaps not. But buy him something electrical and he'll be happy all Christmas

## What to park under the tree

I realise that at this time of the year there are thousands of readers, especially women, who are paralysed with indecision as to what to buy male friends and family members for Christmas. Never fear, I am here. I have gone forth on your behalf and come back with the goods.

Well, all right, I haven't actually come back with any goods. But it's tough out there. Sir Ranulph Fiennes has had a lot of publicity for his Antarctic adventure, but trudging through blizzards for six months is a mere bagatelle compared with a voyage into the deeper recesses of the motoring accessories industry.

The reason I direct these remarks at women buying for men is not to be sexist. It is merely a recognition of the old saying that the only difference between boys



Peter Barnard

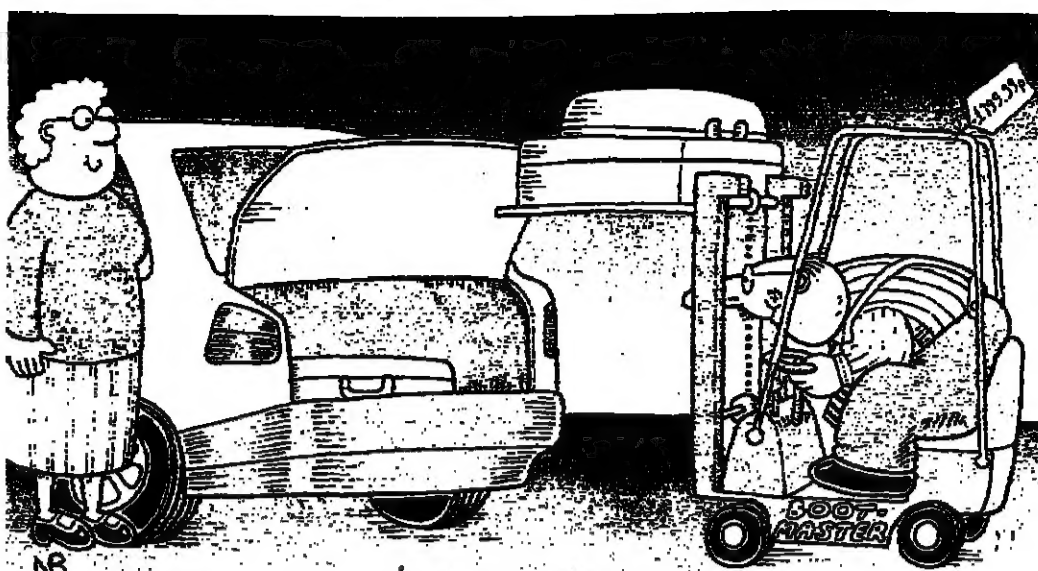
and men is that with men, the toys are more expensive. Men are gadget freaks and retailing junkies. The only truly astonishing thing about Fergie's overdraft is that it belongs to a woman.

The important thing to realise about the Christmas car accessories

market is that nothing need be rejected out of hand. You may well think that a sponge shaped like a car which, when you squeeze it, plays *Jingle Bells* is the tackiest item you could imagine, but somebody out there is buying the Halfords Musical Car Sponge (£1.99). So don't be so snifty.

Or how about Car Shampers. £3.99 for one litre? It looks like a champagne bottle, complete with gold foil at the top and four stars on the label. Clearly the makers think the customers are morons because the label announces: "Not for consumption".

Indeed the newest trend in this barney market is towards items that look like other items. Along with shampoo containers that look like bottles, there are ice scrapers with fluffy handles that imitate a crocodile or a hippopotamus (a



mere £4.99 each). Perhaps the idea is to encourage children to scrape the windshield of a morning, a novelty I would expect to wear off by Boxing Day at the latest.

Obviously these are stocking fillers. More serious money can be expended on drivers and plenty of items are by now traditional. There are, for example, driving

gloves, at various prices up to about £20. But hang on a minute: what exactly are driving gloves?

Perhaps they have some magic quality which helps us drive better. I don't think so. Perhaps there is a law against wearing them for any other purpose. I seriously doubt it. I would not go for driving gloves. There are not many men who,

escaping from the freezing winter chill into the warmth of their cars, urgently hunt around for a pair of gloves to put on.

But we must not be defeatist. There are ways to please motoring man and they have to do with that curiously-named item, the car cigar lighter. The cigar lighter is an electrical output and the word

"electrical" has a special meaning for men. There is but a short stride of lateral thinking between "electrical" and "gadget".

Now you are talking. Now you are a mere credit card transaction away from something to put under the tree bearing a label that will fall off and be eaten by the dog. Now you are seconds away from the eyes of the recipient lighting up as a thought and a question rush through his mind. The thought: Just what I wanted. The question: What the hell is it?

A High Power Car Vacuum (£19.99) is what it is. It plugs into the cigar lighter! No it isn't. It is a Car Polisher (£9.99). It also plugs into the cigar lighter. Or is it a Power Beam Spotlight (£9.99), which also plugs into the cigar lighter? It could even be a powered screwdriver.

Why not just buy everything that plugs into the cigar lighter and divide the goods among family and friends. They can give him one item each. He'll be out there for hours, vacuuming, polishing, unscrewing things, screwing things up, having a high old time.

And even the consequences of this mania will not be too dire, provided someone has thought to buy him a battery charger (£14.99).



Road to ruin: there were 940 accidents, including 24 deaths, on the M6 last year: the emotional damage to the lives of drivers and their families does not appear in the statistics

They are the weariest workers in Britain. When they arrive at their desks, they are too tired and stressed to function: when they get home, they argue with their families, often ending up divorced, lonely and jobless.

Drivers who have to tackle the terror of motorways on their way to work suffer the worst stress, according to safety experts.

Bereavement, moving house, unemployment and divorce used to top the list of events likely to push people to breaking point. But a survey for the British Safety Council found motorway driving to be the single biggest cause of stress. And they named the M6 as the nation's most stress-inducing road — even worse than the M25, which has the worst reputation in Europe for jams and congestion.

The 240-mile M6, which stretches from Birmingham through the Midlands and North West, carries an average 165,000 vehicles daily — although many barely see a sight of the 70mph speed limit for miles at a time because traffic moves so slowly. At worst — particularly in the Monday morning and Friday evening peak periods — they are caught up in jams up to 20 miles long, lengthening their journeys and erasing the prospect of an early start at the office or free time at home.

## This motorway is bad for you

It's jam today and breakdown tomorrow. Kevin Eason looks at the road that is driving people out of their minds and their marriages

Simon Woodings at the AA says: "Everyone talks about problems on the M25 each morning, but compared with the M6 that's nothing. The M6 is the busiest motorway in Europe and is an awful test of endurance for everyone using it, especially commuters. During bank holidays it is not unusual to see 25-mile traffic jams on the busiest stretch between Stafford and Birmingham."

"Every day commuters run a gauntlet of congestion, bad driving and road rage. It is no wonder that many people rate this daily experience as the most stressful in their lives."

So stressful that Alan Norris, a consultant psychiatrist, says he has treated two people who gave up their

jobs rather than face the daily horror of the M6, while others have moved house and job to escape their journey. "The stress which builds up through daily driving on the M6 is insidious," he says. "It builds up each day without the victim even being aware of it."

Many drivers who use the motorway regularly will suffer anxiety, tension, anger and depression because of the daily frustration of being stuck in traffic, he adds. "The tension can lead to palpitations and other health problems. By the time they get to work after hours on the M6 many will already feel like a piece of chewed

string before the time even comes to face the other stresses of the day."

That is when the problems multiply. Drivers constantly late because of traffic jams they cannot control rush into work stressed before they even contemplate their professional problems. When they arrive home, it is often so late and they are in such a flirty temper that the entire family is made to suffer. The result is often divorce — which causes more stress in their lives.

"Over a period of months and years the levels of stress continue to build until the victim comes to a complete standstill," warns Dr Norris. "Often the victim cannot contemplate returning to work and needs to take a complete break."

Peter Goodwin, chairman of the Association of Stress Management, says: "After hours in a traffic jam after an awful day at work, they can come home and have a blazing row with their partner which can lead to a split."

So much time is spent commuting that some workers lose any spare time which should be spent relaxing with their families or pursuing hobbies, according to Goodwin. "You spend a certain number of hours each day working, eating and sleeping and the rest you tend to regard as your spare time which is yours to do with as you please."

Jim Brett, deputy director general of the Safety Council, warns that congestion has to be tackled otherwise stress will lead to more road rage and accidents. There were 940 accidents, including 24 deaths, on the M6 last year.

How to avoid stress while sitting immobile and helpless is not easy, but Goodwin advises drivers to forget the congestion, think of something else and listen to soothing music because, in the end, there is nothing they can do about a traffic jam. Anger won't make it go away.

"In this country we all work too hard," he says. "Wages are relatively low compared with the rest of Europe and people are tired all the time. The last thing we need in already stressful lives is a nightmare like the M6."

### AA GRIDLOCK GUIDE

#### ● LONDON

A4 Hammersmith. Roadworks between Gliddon Road and North End Road on Taggerth Road. 10am-3.30pm. A302 Westminster. Resurfacing work on Victoria Street at junction with Great Smith Street and Broad Sanctuary.

#### ● SOUTH-EAST

A4 Reading. Restrictions and lane closures between the Hogarth Roundabout and Burfield Road. Expect delays at peak periods. A27 Brighton. Overnight maintenance on Brighton bypass between the Hangleton Junction and Ditching Road Bridge. M25 Essex. Maintenance work between the A10 and Waltham Abbey with narrow lanes and 50mph limit. M27 Hampshire. Roadworks with contraflow between Southampton East and Fareham. A33 Gosport. Hampshire. Off-peak lane closures for carriageway repairs between Bridgemary and Forton. M24 Surrey. Restrictions and lane closures between Godstone and the A3. A22 Purley, Surrey. Godstone Road reduced to one lane southbound for roadworks at junction with Court Road.

#### ● SOUTH-WEST

A30 Victoria, Cornwall. Temporary lights for resurfacing work. A35 Christchurch, Dorset. Lane closures both ways on Barrow Road for work on a new roundabout. M5 Gloucestershire. Major roadworks with only one lane open at roundabout junction with the A419. Also roadworks for construction of a new road layout on the junction roundabout at J17 (Bristol West) and contraflow across the Avonmouth Bridge with a 50mph speed limit. M4 Wiltshire. Contraflow with two lanes each way and a 50mph limit for major roadworks just west of J16.

#### ● MIDLANDS AND EAST ANGLIA

A6 Lockington, Leicestershire. Contraflow from just north of the M1 J24 to Sawley Island (B6540) as major roadworks continue, with no right turn into Donnington Lane. A625 Ash, Shropshire. Roadworks due to construction works on the A625. A12 Stratford St Mary, Suffolk. Reduced to one lane both ways for major roadworks and entry slip roads are closed at Stratford Church. A14 Newmarket bypass, Suffolk. Long term roadworks and a contraflow. A4114 Coventry. One lane

closed 9am-4pm for footway repairs on London Road, near junction with Barr Road.

A41 Wolverhampton. Temporary lights on Bilston Road at the Canal Bridge for strengthening works between Eagle Street and Chillington Street.

#### ● NORTH

M6 Cheshire. Reduced to three narrow lanes for widening work near Thelwall Viaduct. M6 Cumbria. Contraflow with two lanes in both directions and a 50mph limit between J37 (Kendal) and J38 (Tebay). A59 Much Hoole, Lancashire. Resurfacing work on Liverpool Road causing major hold-ups in both directions heading to and from Preston. A57 Sheffield city centre. Roadworks on The Parkway near the Park Square roundabout. M1 West Yorkshire. Major long-term roadworks continue around the Leeds junction with lane and speed restrictions. Expect delays on the M1, M621 and Dewsbury Road. A629 Kighley, West Yorkshire. Major roadworks with temporary lights on Halifax Road.

#### ● WALES

A482 Aberaeron, Ceredigion. Upper Aberaeron Bridge on South Road closed for reconstruction work. Diversion via Panteg Road and the A487. A470 north of Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil. Temporary lights on Brecon Road for major works; 40mph limit on A465 at Cefn Coed with temporary lights on Aberdare Road. M4 Monmouthshire. Lane closures between the Magor and Newport junctions as major widening work continues. A4067 Swansea, between Ynysforgan (M4 J45) and Landore. Contraflow operating with a single lane for construction work. A472 Pontypool, Torfaen. Contraflow between Portymore and Heron roundabout. Expect lengthy delays, especially from the A4042 direction.

#### ● SCOTLAND

M8 Junction 2 Newbridge Spur (M9), Edinburgh. Major roadworks, with lane closures on the roundabout. A8 Princes Street, Edinburgh. Closed eastbound, with diversions via South Charlotte Street, Queen Street and York Place. A77 between Kilmarnock and Ayr, North Ayrshire. Contraflow at Bellfield interchange, near to Spittalhill.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

## Water wheels dry up

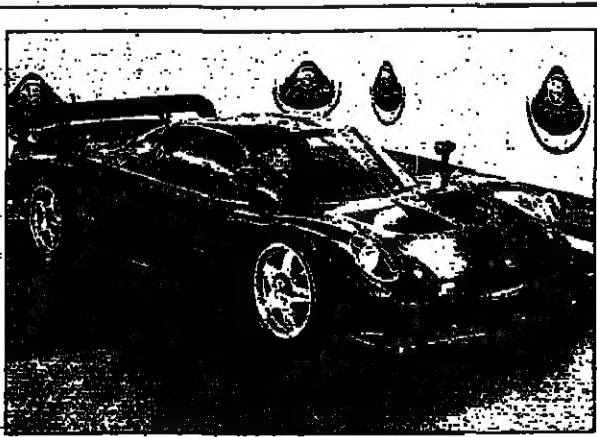
SO THE wonder of the car which ran on water never lived up to reality. The car was much publicised by a mainstream newspaper but its inventor, Stanley Meyer, was found guilty of fraud by an Ohio judge when his water fuel cell was tested. He was prosecuted because he tried to sell "dealerships".

CYCLISTS are planning to give badly-behaving London motorists a ticket. They will put a plastic sticker on the windscreen for offences such as obstructing a cycle route or double parking. No problem — if motorists can stick a plastic note on the helmets of cyclists who never signal, weave in and out of traffic and ignore traffic lights.



Sound choice: McLaren's F1 supercar and its designer hi-fi speakers

THE McLaren design office must jump like the Cavem Club on a Friday night. Gordon Murray, the design chief, has a jukebox in his office, while Peter Stevens, stylist of the McLaren F1 supercar, has taken to designing hi-fi speakers. The speakers, from Rogers, at Mitcham in Surrey, were inspired by the rear curves of the F1 and are made from the same materials: aluminium and carbon, although wood appears in the speakers but definitely not in the car. Just 27cms high, the speakers, called the d101, retail at £309 and come in a choice of nine different finishes with personalised logos.



Lotus GT1: up with the Porsches and McLarens

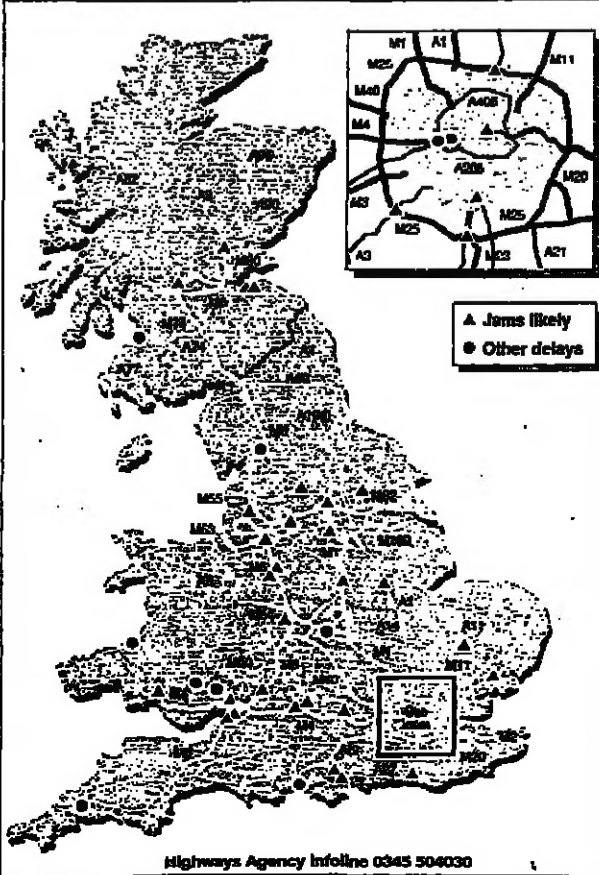
THIS is the car Lotus hopes will rebuild its reputation on the racetracks. After years in the wilderness, Lotus now has a secure future, thanks to more than £50 million worth of financial backing from Proton of Malaysia, and a hot new car in the shape of the gorgeous and much-praised Elise. Now comes the GT1, the car Lotus hopes can win the Le Mans 24-hour endurance race as well as the GT Series world championships next year. It uses the same advanced aluminium chassis system as the Elise but boasts a turbo-charged 3.5-litre V8 good for 550 brake horse power. That should put Lotus up among the Porsches and McLarens which have been leading the GT series. The car takes over from the veteran Esprit and was entirely designed in house by Lotus Engineering and Lotus Racing.

## Driving positions

ALL change in the motor industry, with executives moving into new jobs in some of the country's most prestigious companies.

Bob Dover, Jaguar's chief sports cars engineer and the man who launched the winning XK8, is to become the new managing director and chief executive at Aston Martin. Bob brings 30 years production experience to the Newport Pagnell company. Graham Morris, 46, a former Rover director, is moving from Audi, where he was a board member, to become chief executive of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars. Andrew Wainwright, formerly operations director at Lotus Cars, is to be managing director at Cosworth, while Hugh Kemp, the Lotus engineering managing director, is now engineering director at Prodrive, maker of the Subaru rally car.

### MAJOR ROADWORKS



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No rain for five years — then the British arrived. Kevin Eason on a desert storm that stopped a world record bid

## Washout puts the dampers on Thrust

It was so typically British: rain stopped play. The team in Jordan to break the world land speed record packed up its tents and abandoned the attempt as the heavens opened and its desert track disappeared under water.

The rain was the first in the Al Jafir desert for five years and came just as the Thrust SSC team was preparing to attack the record. Unfortunately, the desert is almost at sea level and dozens of rivers poured into it when the rains eventually came.

And they came after to a month's bad weather and poor luck. Workers, aided by members of the Royal Jordanian Air Force, spent days clearing a track across 10 miles of desert, essential because even a stone could throw Thrust's solid aluminium wheels, designed to run at 8,500 revolutions per minute, disastrously off course. They cleared ten test tracks — only to see them washed away again.

The car, powered by two Rolls-Royce engines from a Phantom fighter jet and designed to run supersonic, reached a top speed of only 331mph, 302mph short of the 1983 record set by Richard Noble, Thrust's leader, and not even better than the 350.02mph set by John Cobb in 1938.

The frustration for Andy Green, the RAF Tornado pilot who is guiding Thrust, was intense. For Noble and the

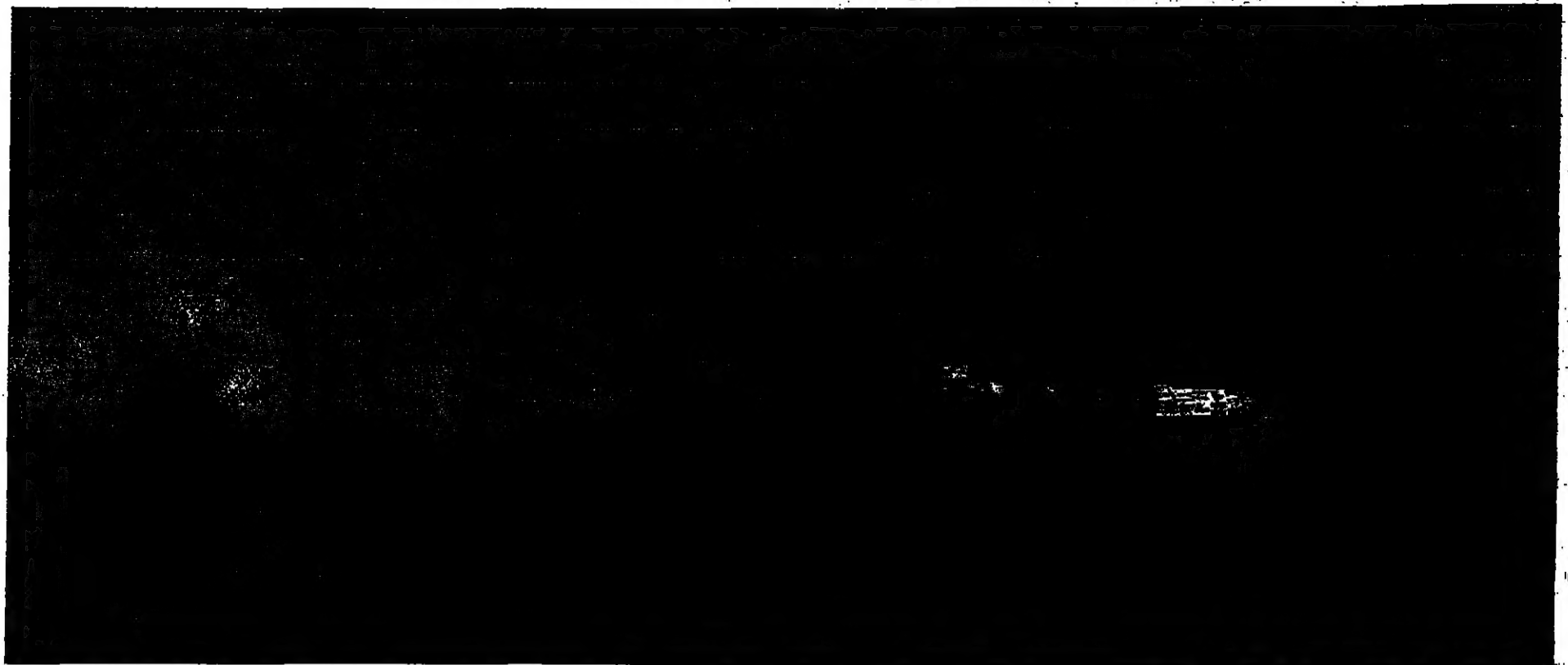
mechanics who have worked around the clock for weeks, the tension was unbearable and the decision to give up for this year heart-wrenching. "There was nothing we could do," he says. "Locals reckon it will be two to three months before the desert dries out again, so there was no point in sitting and waiting."

The plan now is to raise yet more money to ensure the £15 million attempt can go ahead, with more practice runs at Al Jafir in March followed by the attempt to break the sound barrier on land at the Black Rock desert in Nevada next year.

The attempt was dogged by bad luck and the bizarre from day one. During the final run at Al Jafir, a severe steering fault showed up at about 300mph, forcing Green to deploy his three brake parachutes to ensure he stopped safely. Repairs were going on with spare parts being airlifted into Al Jafir, but the time lag effectively scuppered the chance of another run as the weather closed in.

It was a struggle from the start. One day, the team was trying to keep dust out of delicate machinery, the next they were scurrying for shelter after tying down equipment and tents to cope with heavy rainstorms.

There was one other unexpected hazard. As Green prepared to fire the twin engines on his final outing, a camel wandered on to the track near



Tornado pilot Andy Green could not even match John Cobb's 1938 speed record before the attempt was abandoned in the sands of Al Jafir. At one point, even a camel got in the way



to the start line. Ron Ayers, Thrust's designer, asked the handler to move it but was refused without the payment of cigarettes. Ayers is a non-smoker, so the handler led his camel out in the centre of the track and tied up its legs so it couldn't move until suitable payment was forthcoming. Only intervention by local police solved the problem.

There is good news on the car though. Even the short tests at Al Jafir were enough to confirm that it is stable, will be quick — and makes "a hell of a

lot of noise", according to Noble.

"We have a long, long way to go," he says. "But we have had a look at the car and it seems to work well. We just want to try it a little further to be fully confident before we go for any record attempts. We will only do that when we are certain that the car is going well and all the conditions are right. They certainly couldn't be worse than the first storm in five years on a stretch of desert which disappeared under water."

### Alan Copps on Platinum treasure

## Hurry, hurry, there are only nine left

TO CAP what has been an outstanding year for Rolls-Royce and Bentley sales comes one of the most lavish special editions yet. Only ten Jack Barclay Platinum Bentley Azures will be made to mark the 70th anniversary of the world's leading distributor of the fabulous cars made in Crewe.

The first Platinum Azure has already been sold from the company's showroom in Berkeley Square, Mayfair, to a Japanese businessman who bought it from an artist's impression. At £272,000, the car is £50,000 more expensive than the standard Azure. It will be delivered to its new owner in

two weeks time after final fitting out.

It is one of five cars to be finished in platinum with dark blue leather upholstery. The other five will be finished in Le Mans green with sandstone upholstery. They are a tribute to the company's founder, Jack Barclay, one of the Bentley Boys when the marque dominated the 24-hour race in the 1920s.

"The 70th anniversary is worthy of celebration. We feel the Platinum Anniversary Bentley Azure is perfect to mark the occasion," said Graeme Hunt, director and general manager. The cars will be delivered at the rate of two a month.



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